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Teachers hit 2,000 schools in new strike

By Mark Dowd and Nicholas Wood

Cancelled lessons and classroom disruption returned to Britain yesterday as 20,000 teachers from the second largest union, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, deserted more than 2,000 schools in the first of a wave of half-day strikes.

The action is designed to put pressure on local authority employers to improve the terms of the Coventry deal when the two sides meet this weekend in Nottingham.

An estimated 230,000 pupils were affected by yesterday's walkouts in Greater London, Humberside and Lincolnshire.

Most areas of England, Wales and Northern Ireland are expected to be affected before the end of the week, although Hampshire and North Yorkshire will be spared because of the injunctions gained by the councils against the union last week.

Members of the union in the two counties are being balloted on possible strike action scheduled for after the Nottingham talks.

Many children had to be sent home yesterday, although some schools managed to make arrangements to provide cover.

Defending the union's action at a rally of 550 teachers in London, including a number of National Union of Teachers members, Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the NAS/UWT, said: "We are not pursuing an avaricious path. We are pursuing a path of belated justice."

He accused the Government and the local authorities of wanting a contract for teachers without paying anything for it and promised a hard-line approach from the union negotiating team when talks resume.

Mr Fred Smithies: "It is a blatant con job."

The offer by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, of a 16 per cent rise was "a con job," he said, "and it is not even a good con job, it is a blatant con job."

Mr Smithies added that teachers were underpaid by 34 per cent and that the union was seeking something approaching a 50 per cent increase on current pay.

"That seems an outrageous figure, but to the right-thinking person it should be obvious that the country has saved a vast amount of money by underpaying teachers for the past 10 years," he said.

Last night, Mr Baker criticized the strike as "totally unnecessary and scandalous".

Mr Baker also gave the most unequivocal indication to date of his preparedness to resort to legislation should the Nottingham talks fail to agree a pay-and-conditions settlement in keeping with the Government's plans for the future of the profession.

He amplified on his announcement last week to scrap the Burnham machinery on teachers' pay and replace it with an interim standing committee. It would not only advise him on salaries and conditions, but would also, if necessary, be used as "a vehicle" for rushing through legislation and imposing a settlement.

Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party, said it would be "madness" on the NAS/UWT's part to refuse to negotiate on the package on offer.

Dr David Jacobsen, the freed American hostage, with Mr Terry Waite after arriving at Wiesbaden, West Germany, from Cyprus yesterday.

Ridley faced with revolt on rates grant

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Several parliamentary private secretaries, the chief aides of government ministers, are threatening to resign unless Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, revises his proposals for next year's rate support grant settlement.

In what is rapidly becoming the most serious back-bench revolt of the present parliament, a number of PPSs – who are one step from the ministerial ranks – are telling the Government whips and their colleagues that they will be unable to back the Government unless it changes its plans in order to help the southern shire counties.

The aides are unofficial members of the Government's so-called "payroll vote", and failure to support the Government almost invariably results in resignation or instant dismissal.

But the present line-up of PPSs is particularly well-represented in the 12 largely Tory southern counties and has complained that the Ridley settlement will lead to unacceptably high rate increases in what is expected to be an election year.

The resignation threat has been used before, but this year is being taken seriously. All this week Mr Ridley, who has said no more money is available, is holding separate meetings with MPs from the counties claiming to be most affected by the RSG distribution in a fresh attempt to defend his stand.

Last year 32 Conservative MPs voted against the Government and another 20 abstained over the rates settlement. This year the potential rebels are predicting a much bigger revolt.

The Conservatives are upset because it is predominantly Tory areas that will be affected. It was calculated yesterday that of the large number of Conservative MPs in the 12 key counties, only 40 were not either PPSs or ministers.

Without more money from the Treasury, which is unlikely to be forthcoming, there appears to be little that Mr Ridley can do to forestall a rebellion.

One PPS whose county is receiving well below the national average of grant yesterday said: "Unless something is done to help us I will resign. I can no longer support this state of affairs".

Key personalities in the efforts to get Mr Ridley to vary the allocation are, ironically, Mr Patrick Jenkin, the former Secretary of State for the Environment, and Mr Ian Gow, the former Housing Minister and PPS to Mrs Thatcher.

But Mr Ridley is fighting a strong rearguard action. Yesterday in an interview on BBC Radio's *World at One*, he said back-benchers had heard only one side of the story from the shire treasurers. "If rates do go up it is because local authorities spend more, but we see no reason why they should do that. Enormous savings are possible."

Mr Ridley said the threat of a revolt seemed to arise every year. "They think it is unfair that each year the grant is concentrated very heavily on poorer parts of the country, inner cities and areas of deprivation, but that is built into the Act and there is very little one can do to stop that."

Tomorrow

Married to the service

Affairs of state, affairs of the heart: the modern stresses on diplomats' wives

Portfolio Gold

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Vera's war

The BBC tried during the war to take Vera Lynn's programme off the air, believing that her songs were lowering military morale Page 16

Stop thief

Computer fraud is costing British business £40 million a year and the culprits are hard to find

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Oil price drop

North Sea oil prices fell yesterday as the market looked for confirmation that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries would increase prices to the target of $18 a barrel Page 25

Mercury cut

Mercury Communications, trying to stay a step ahead of its sole competitor, British Telecom, cut its prices for long-distance telephone calls by about 12 per cent Page 25

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Speaking out

Viv Richards, the Somerset and West Indies cricketer, attacked his county over his sacking but said he would continue to play for them if reinstated Page 46

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Saudis expel 29 drinking Britons

By Nicholas Beeston

Britain was embroiled yesterday in another embarrassing incident with Saudi Arabia, this time over the expulsion of 29 British hospital staff caught drinking alcohol at a party in Riyadh in September.

The move comes in wake of last month's publication of a confidential Foreign Office dispatch about Saudi Arabian foibles by the former British ambassador to Riyadh and comes only one week before the Prince and Princess of Wales are due to visit.

Yesterday the first batch of 18 British deportees, the largest number of Westerners ever expelled from Saudi Arabia, arrived at Heathrow, claiming they were victimized by "religious police".

The incident at the party was thought to have been dropped by Saudi authorities until three British women, two nurses and one secretary, were arrested on October 24 for being alone with a man in a car. Margaret Delaney, aged 30, Alison Lee, aged 23, and Julie Cockayne, aged 27, who were at the party, are expected to be deported within 48 hours.

The hospital spokesman said that the women were aware of local customs when they signed their contracts.

Belgium recalls Syrian envoy for EEC meeting

From Richard Owen, Brussels

Belgium yesterday recalled its ambassador to Syria for consultations before next Monday's informal meeting in London of EEC Foreign Ministers.

The move is one of several signs that, despite the failure of the EEC to heed Britain's call last week in Luxembourg for tough action against Damascus, next week's session will see some concerted action against Syria over its involvement in terrorism.

The recalling of EEC ambassadors was one of the steps proposed by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary.

Only Greece is likely to continue to refuse to take part in joint measures against Damascus, diplomats said. The Netherlands said yesterday it was sympathetic to Britain's aims but would wait until Monday before deciding what steps to take.

Officials said the measures most likely to be taken were a ban on high-level visits between Syria and Europe and surveillance of Syrian diplomats and airline officials.

Freed US hostage in good shape

From John England, Wiesbaden

Dr David Jacobsen the American held captive for 17 months by Muslim extremists in the Lebanon, flew into West Germany yesterday and said: "I am very, very happy."

He landed at a US Army air base at Wiesbaden in an executive jet after a flight from Cyprus to be greeted by applause from servicemen and their families.

With him was Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, who had won him his freedom.

The 55-year-old former hostage told journalists he gave special thanks to Mr Waite. "Terry is a man of hope," he said.

In an emotional reference to his fellow-hostages still in captivity, Dr Jacobsen said: "We pray to God that they will soon be released. Those guys are in hell."

Dr Jacobsen was then driven to the US Air Force regional medical centre in Wiesbaden for what officials said would be "extensive" medical checks.

Later, after Mr Jacobsen had undergone initial examinations of his physical and mental conditions, Colonel Ken Maffet, commander of the centre, said: "He's in amazingly good shape."

But he refused to answer any questions on what Mr Jacobsen had gone through.

Mr Jacobsen's two sons, daughter, two daughters-in-law and son-in-law are expected to fly into Frankfurt early today.

Labour's man in hospital

Mr George Howarth, Labour's candidate in the Knowsley North by-election, was admitted to hospital yesterday after sneezing and aggravating an old back injury.

He will be off the campaign trail for at least a day.

Cash boost likely for Aids battle

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The Government is likely to inject several million pounds into the campaign against acquired immune deficiency syndrome (Aids) in the next few weeks.

The campaign is to be launched with a national distribution of leaflets to every household, giving advice and information on the disease, and on newspaper advertising.

The funding reflects the greater urgency in Government efforts to control the spread of Aids through changes in sexual and social behaviour.

Television advertising is also a possibility, and is likely to be discussed this week at a meeting of a newly-formed Cabinet committee set up to deal with the Aids epidemic as a top priority.

The committee, under the chairmanship of Lord Whitelaw, Lord President of the Council, includes a number of senior ministers and has been developed from an existing inter-departmental group of Government advisers.

The expected increase in funding comes after growing concern among specialists and Aids organizations about the spread of the disease and the Government's response to it.

The £2 million allocated by the Department of Health in the current financial year for public information on Aids has been almost spent on five advertising campaigns since March.

The latest statistics on Aids cases are likely to be announced by the Department of Health today. Previous figures showed that about 250 people had died from the disease in Britain.

● All Royal Navy, Royal Air Force and Army personnel are to be sent a leaflet on how to avoid catchings Aids, with more than 300,000 copies being sent to British forces throughout the world.

A three-paragraph slip of paper warning that homosexual acts are illegal in the services will be included. Posters are also being issued to military bases and ships as part of the campaign.

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Hattersley warning to pension fund managers

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The next Labour government will introduce a series of tough new rules and regulations to govern the behaviour of pension fund managers, it was made clear yesterday.

Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow Chancellor, set out his party's thinking in the course of a sharp attack on the record of Britain's fund managers.

He told the Pensions and Investment Resource Centre launch conference at the Barbican, London, that pension funds were doing neither what was best for the British economy nor what was best for future or present recipients of pensions.

Over the past seven years the average UK equity fund had performed worse than the UK stock market average.

And though fund managers had increased from 9.9 per cent to 27 per cent the proportion of new investment placed abroad since the ending of exchange controls, the average sterling return on foreign holdings had been lower at 24.2 per cent than the 26 per cent average return on UK investment.

Among measures being contemplated by a Labour government, Mr Hattersley made clear, were:

● Legislation to force pension fund managers to disclose more information about their investment decisions and political donations;
● Use of Labour's plan for tax-based penalties and incentives, already announced, to reduce pension funds' foreign holdings to what they were before the ending of exchange controls;
● A more rigorous scrutiny of takeovers and mergers to try

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New President: Mr Joaquim Chissano, Mozambique's Foreign Minister, was elected by the Central Committee of Frelimo yesterday to succeed President Samora Machel, who was killed in an air crash last month.
He was elected President of Frelimo, the country's only party.
Though a Marxist, he is regarded as a pragmatist.

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Maxwell in £287m takeover

Mr Robert Maxwell, the head of Mirror Group Newspapers, yesterday launched an agreed £287 million takeover bid for the AE engineering group.

The bid is the third to be made by Mr Maxwell's Hollis Group engineering subsidiary in less than a month.

Last night the City was expecting a battle for control of AE, best known as engine designers for such leading car makers as General Motors.

In September AE fought off a bitterly opposed offer from the Ferodo brake lining group, Turner & Newall.

But after a row over share dealings by AE's advisers, the City Takeover Panel last week gave T & N permission to launch a second offer.

Sir Francis Tombs, the chairman of T & N, said last night his company had no intention of accepting the Hollis terms in respect of its 30 per cent shareholding in AE.

He declined to say whether T & N would be re-entering the battle.

In the City, where AE's shares climbed 30p to 267p, stock market traders believe that Sir Francis will decide to counter-bid within the next few days.

Sir John Collyear, the chairman of AE, described the Hollis offer as satisfactory for AE's shareholders. Sir John is to become chairman of the combined group if the offer is successful.

Mr Maxwell said yesterday that a merger of Hollis and AE would provide the basis for development of an important new group in British and European engineering.

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Short Bros make loss of £35 million

Northern Ireland's biggest manufacturer, Short Bros the aircraft firm, lost £35 million last year (Richard Ford writes).

Sir Philip Foreman, head of the state-owned East Belfast firm which employs 7,000 workers, blamed the losses on heavy development costs, the number of rivals and the disruptive effects of political controversy over the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Sir Philip hoped the company could return to profit in the current year but Mr Peter Viggers, the under secretary of state with responsibility for industry at the Northern Ireland office, admitted that the disappointing results might delay privatization of the company.

Tories look to stars for help

By Toby Young

A drummer in a pop group, a former Olympic gymnast, and the head of a pirate radio station are among the new recruits to the Conservative Party's campaign to win support among young voters.

Following an intensive search to find stars to match Labour's success with its Red Wedge campaign, headed by the folk singer Billy Bragg, the Tory Party Youth Committee, chaired by Mr John Moore, the Transport Secretary, has come up with a list likely to raise eyebrows amongst the party old guard.

The best known names, all of whom are now officially members of the committee, are those of former Olympic gymnast Suzanne Dando, Miles Copeland, manager of pop group the Police, Debbie Moore, founder of the successful Pineapple dance studio, and Bev Bevan, drummer with the Electric Light Orchestra. But the focus of controversy is likely to fall on Peter Stremes, head of the illegal South London pirate station, Radio Jackie.

The inclusion of Stremes in the group, known inside Conservative Headquarters as the "YUP Committee", as well as anti-BBC campaigner and independent television producer David Graham, and Hugh Bagot-Webb, a Conservative Research Department privatization specialist, underlines the importance that the Tories place on the deregulation of the media as an attractive policy for the young.

The new recruits will form an advisory group who will draw up a series of proposals to counter the growing attraction of Labour among the 6.2 million voters aged between 18 and 24, who have entered the electoral register since Mrs Thatcher came to power. A series of articles in *The Times* earlier this year highlighted the difficulties that the Conservative government – and the Prime Minister in particular – has in reaching this group.

The new team, whose activites will be co-ordinated by Mr David Trippier, the junior employment minister will sit alongside an existing team of political professionals, including Mr Michael Dobbs, Mr Tebbit's chief of staff, Mr Harvey Thomas, the party's Director of Presentation, and two of the younger generation of MPs, Mr Geoff Lawler and Mr Robert Jones.

The new Tory initiative began at a secret meeting in

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'Drug smugglers' rescued by RAF

Two suspected drugs smugglers were plucked from the sea by an RAF rescue helicopter yesterday at the end of an investigation by Customs and Excise officers which led to 11 arrests in Wales, London and the Home Counties, and the seizure of marijuana worth £1 million.

Customs officers and police were watching early yesterday as two inflatable boats travelled between a fishing vessel and an isolated beach at Aberbach, Dyfed. In worsening sea conditions, the investigators saw both dinghies flip over and the surveillance team was forced to break cover and call in the RAF. The two men were treated at a local hospital before being transferred into police custody.

● Disturbing evidence that heroin is gradually ousting cannabis as one of the cheapest, most popular and easily obtainable drugs has been uncovered during a big drugs investigation.

Operation Century, involving the entire Lancashire Drug Squad, has led to 55 arrests.

Reactor clearance

The Foreign Office yesterday lifted its advisory warning for British visitors to the region affected by the Chernobyl disaster, six months after clouds of radiation billowed from the stricken reactor.

A Foreign Office spokesman said Britons could now safely travel to the Western Ukraine and Byelorussia, providing they respected local advice about the types of food they should eat.

700 will lose jobs

The brake component manufacturer Clayton Dewandre is to close its Lincoln factory with the loss of 700 jobs, unions at the plant said yesterday.

Shop stewards at the factory have been told that it will close within the next 12 to 18 months.

Members of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers are now expected to vote on a strike.

£290,000 damages

A stockbroker's widow and two young children won £290,000 damages in the High Court yesterday for his death in a "terrible and tragic" car accident.

Mr Justice Michael Davies, who approved the award, said Mrs Loraine Wells, aged 33, of Sterndale Road, Brook Green, West Kensington, London, would have received more than £1 million if her husband Benjamin, aged 33, had not been found to be 75 per cent to blame.

He died immediately after his car was in collision with a lorry on the A38 near Lichfield, Staffordshire, in February 1982.

Chalker attack

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, criticized British businessmen yesterday for failing to win more EEC orders.

She told a Euro conference in Glasgow: "In the French market, our closest Continental partner, we have an 8 per cent share, but Germany has a 16.6 per cent share".

Show horse found

River Bells, a show hunter worth about £6,000, which was stolen from his Hampshire paddock more than two months ago, has been found in woodland behind Devon and Exeter racecourse.

The horse's owner, Mr Stephen Sherwood, master of the New Forest Foxhounds, said at his home near Ringwood, Hampshire, that a nationwide search had made the horse "too hot to handle".

River Bells has qualified in the middleweight class in the Horse of the Year Show for the past five years.

Witnesses of violence spared courtroom trauma

Live video link for child evidence

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

Child witnesses of violent crime are to be spared the ordeal of appearances in court by being allowed to give their evidence through a live video link.

The move was announced last night by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, in a speech to Conservative lawyers in London in which he outlined the main provisions of the Criminal Justice Bill, to be introduced early in the new session of Parliament.

Mr Hurd had announced at the Conservative conference in Bournemouth that child victims of sexual or physical abuse would be able to give evidence by video.

Rather than having to go into the courtroom, children would be able to be questioned in less formal surroundings, possibly in another part of the court building and probably accompanied by their parents; they would appear in court on a television screen and be examined and cross-examined in the normal way.

The aim is to enable the process to be as close as possible to live evidence in court, so safeguarding the rights of defendants without having the child present in the courtroom.

The move is designed to avoid the trauma caused to a child by re-living the assault in the presence of the alleged assailant.

Now, Mr Hurd announced last night, that protection is to be given to child witnesses of serious acts of violence as well. Children who have witnessed violent attacks on their parents or other people would not have to go into the court to face the person accused of the assault.

In his speech, Mr Hurd also made it clear that his already announced proposals to confiscate the profits of serious crime would provide the courts with powers to claw back the proceeds of all types of crime from which substantial profits have been made.

There will be no complicated lists, as some experts have suggested, of the types of crime which should be subject to confiscation powers.

Mr Hurd said: "It cannot be right for criminals to serve periods in custody knowing that their gains remain intact and that they will ultimately provide them and their families with a life of comfort".

He said his plans "were an important strengthening of the deterrent powers of the courts in dealing with major crime".

As reported in *The Times* yesterday, Mr Hurd announced that the Government was not proceeding with the proposal to remove the right of jury trial for petty theft.

Mr Hurd confirmed the decisions to raise the upper age limit for jury service from 65 to 70 and to abolish the right of peremptory challenge to membership of juries.

The latter will be one of the most controversial measures in the Bill. Mr Hurd said concern had been voiced about the use of peremptory challenge, particularly where several defendants had concerted their challenge seemingly to change the fundamental balance of a jury.

"This seems to have had the objective of increasing the chances of acquittal rather than seeking a more representative sample. I do not accuse barristers of abusing the system. While it exists it is understandable that it should be used.

"But I believe it is anomalous, it undermines the random character of juries and it risks weakening public confidence in the jury system."

Police fail battered wives, says MP

By Richard Evans
Political Correspondent

The Metropolitan Police fails to deal with about 100,000 cases of domestic violence against women each year, a Labour MP claimed yesterday after leaking a confidential police report on the problem.

Mr Chris Smith, MP for Islington South and Finsbury, who raised the issue in a late parliamentary debate last night, called on Scotland Yard to set up a 24-hour telephone helpline to assist battered victims and to increase the number of women police officers because they are likely to take the matter more seriously.

The report leaked by Mr Smith was produced by a Metropolitan Police working party into domestic violence. It discloses that only a minority of victims report assaults to police and "many who had reported to police find them unhelpful".

"Certainly, the police have a reputation for not treating violence between spouses or cohabitees seriously, or seriously enough, or in a comparable way to a violent encounter between strangers," the report says.

"Many police officers felt that domestic violence should not be part of their work at all. Any situation of that kind was seen as being generally just a waste of time."

Two weeks ago the Home Office produced new guidelines aimed at greater understanding and a more sympathetic approach from police towards victims of rape and domestic violence. It said victims should be questioned, where possible, by women officers in special suites at police stations or hospitals and be examined by women doctors.

The police working party, which produced its conclusions last January, emphasized the importance of the public understanding that the police took the question of wife assault seriously.

It called for substantial measures to deal with existing shortcomings and recommendations included:

- Special training for police recruits on marital violence;
- Allowing officers to use police cars to take battered women to safe refuges — existing mileage limits prevent such transport now;
- Making more referrals to voluntary victim schemes;
- A willingness to adopt a "higher-profile approach" in taking cases to court;
- Better record keeping to establish more reliable statistics.

Mr Smith, who produced the police report at a House of Commons press conference, said it was a damning indictment of current police attitudes and actions. He claimed it proved that many police officers did not take domestic violence against women seriously.

Up to three out of four battered women did not contact police for help, he said. The amount of domestic violence in London alone indicated a horrifying problem nationwide.

Crucial meetings on Ruskin lecturer

By Howard Foster and Mark Dowd

The first of three crucial meetings which could determine the future of Mr David Selbourne, the former Ruskin College lecturer who has suffered student boycotts of his lectures for writing an article for *The Times*, was held last night.

Mr John Hughes, the college's principal, was yesterday in London for a meeting with Mr George Walden, Under Secretary of State for Education. Mr Walden had summoned Mr Hughes to the Department of Education and Science because he was not happy with his written explanation of events leading up to Mr Selbourne's censure by the college's governing body last June.

Tomorrow Ruskin's three educational advisers, Professor A.H. Halsey, Lord McCarthy and Professor Les MacFarlane, hold their own meeting to discuss the problems involved. They will then tell the college whether they believe that Ruskin has infringed Mr Selbourne's academic freedom.

The college holds its annual meeting on Friday. There had been speculation that it might have been brought forward to enable the Selbourne issue to be discussed more quickly, but senior staff there have resisted pressure.

Mr Selbourne is now pursuing legal action against the college after its refusal to issue a statement guaranteeing the academic freedom to publish anywhere to staff and students.

Four British nurses arriving at Heathrow Airport yesterday after being expelled from Saudi Arabia. The four were among 29 British hospital staff caught drinking alcohol at a party in Riyadh in September.

Press wins contempt law change

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government is to change the law on contempt of court to provide a right of review of "banning orders" made by crown court judges to prohibit press publication of details in criminal trials.

The reform to the Contempt of Court Act 1981 is expected to be made as part of a settlement in a case which a journalist has brought before the European Commission on Human Rights.

It was brought by Mr Tim Crook, a radio journalist, with the backing of the National Union of Journalists, and it went to the High Court in 1984.

He and the union sought to challenge a ban on publication of the name of the chief prosecution witness imposed by Judge Lymbery QC in a kidnapping case at the Central Criminal Court in January 1984.

Three High Court judges sitting as the Divisional Court held that they had no jurisdiction under section 29 of the Supreme Court Act to review a decision of a crown court judge to make such an order.

But in giving his judgement Lord Justice Stephen Brown expressed grave doubt as to whether the judge had power to make the order he had made. It was of vital constitutional importance that criminal trials were held in public and freely reported, he said.

In the wake of that judgement, Mr Crook lodged a complaint before the European Commission on Human Rights and negotiations are now taking place between government officials and Mr Crook on a possible settlement.

There has been concern among lawyers and journalists that the number of "banning" orders is on the increase. The Press Council, the Criminal Bar Association and the Labour front bench legal affairs spokesman, Mr John Morris QC, have all called on the Government to investigate the workings of the Act.

The Government is also intending to reform the Act in the light of a case brought by Miss Harriet Harman, Labour MP for Peckam.

The Harman case was over the release to the press of confidential documents which had been produced in court.

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United front call to block Sinn Fein

By Richard Ford

Dr Garret FitzGerald yesterday urged all democratic parties in the Irish Republic to form a united front to keep supporters of terrorism out of the Dail.

The Prime Minister described Provisional Sinn Fein as an "IRA party" whose decision to allow elected representatives to take seats in the Dail was an "abuse of the democratic system".

It was unprecedented for any group to seek to enter the Dail while carrying out a campaign of violence and murder, he said.

It is the prospect of Sinn Fein holding a pivotal position in the Dail through winning seats under the country's system of proportional representation that is worrying the Prime Minister.

In that position it is feared that Sinn Fein will be able to exert influence far beyond its actual support, particularly if no one party has an overall majority and is reliant on the support of independent and other minority groupings as occurred in 1981 and 1982.

Dr FitzGerald said he would urge people during the general election to give their last preferences to Sinn Fein.

The Prime Minister said it was essential that the challenge from people with an Armalite in one hand and a ballot paper in the other was met immediately.

Mr Charles Haughey's Fianna Fail party is to give its response today to Sinn Fein's decision to drop abstentionism after the issue is considered at a meeting of his front bench.

Although Sinn Fein could take some votes from the extreme republican wing of Fianna Fail, party strategists believe that without an emotional issue it is unlikely they can win seats even in border counties.

Mr Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein president, said the party's ability to gain support in the republic would be judged at the election after next when it had had time to organize in the south.

Unionist politicians said the Sinn Fein decision would make little difference, but were concerned that the military wing will wish to prove that growing involvement in the political process does not inevitably lead to a downgrading of the bomb and the bullet.

Telecom staff vote on action

By Tim Jones

Leaders of British Telecom's 130,000 telephone engineers expect their members tomorrow to vote for industrial action in pursuit of a pay claim.

The result of the ballot will come at a time of worsening relations between the company and the unions who have claimed that two years of privatization have proved to be "a total disaster".

Mr John Golding, general secretary of the National Communications Union, believes the engineers will reject BT's 5.8 per cent pay offer and he expects the 36,000-strong clerical section to do the same.

Both sections have claimed increases of 10 per cent, saying the offer is poor reward in view of the "vast profits" which the company is enjoying.

The unions cannot be totally confident of the outcome. In spite of being urged by their leaders not to, almost 90 per cent of their members employed by BT took up the option to buy shares.

Some of them may not wish to engage in action which could effectively damage their investment.

Shakespeare find

Manuscript may be earliest

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Sotheby's has discovered a Shakespeare manuscript which may prove to be the earliest in existence. It has only two competitors for the title. The manuscript consists of two pages and a little bit of a third, quickly scribbled in the back of a vellum notebook, apparently by some contemporary theatregoer who was attending a performance of *Henry IV Part I*.

He seems to have scribbled some rolling periods in the course of the performance, while others embedded themselves in his memory and he wrote them down afterwards — in a slightly garbled form.

His purpose seems to have been to record these gems of verse for repetition in a commonplace book; many people, both in Shakespeare's time and later, compiled anthologies of memorable thoughts and verses for their own delectation and that of others.

Sotheby's is evasive about where it turned up. It says that it was found by a family of "ancient lineage" at the back of a drawer of underclothes in a chest of drawers.

Other manuscripts taken to Sotheby's by the same family have proved surprisingly important, so they took the notebook around to the auctioneers on the off chance. It is to be auctioned on December 18 and is expected to fetch around £150,000.

The help of several Shakespeare scholars has been called on to assess the find. The notebook is folio size and in the front are 17 pages of metaphysical argument in Latin. Unfortunately two contradictory notes attribute its origin to different sources, one to a discourse at the Sorbonne in 1594 and the other to a scientist named Thomas Herriot.

Then comes a blank, followed by two more similar pages of notes and 34 stubbs of leaves that have been taken out. Finally, turning the book the other way up, the Shakespeare quotations have been written on the pastedown flyleaf and the following page with a small spill over on the next. There are 58 lines in all.

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Volunteers test Aids vaccines

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The first tests in Europe of possible vaccines against Aids are to be made early next year on human volunteers.

A system of biological "fail-safe" measures is being prepared to ensure that the volunteers are protected from risks of contracting the disease from the experimental compounds used in the vaccines.

The tests will not begin until scientists are certain there are no risks.

Two potential vaccines have been developed partly from discoveries by the team working with Professor Luc Montagne, of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, who first identified the Aids virus.

The work also draws on the findings of research groups in the United States.

Plans for the tests on healthy volunteers were presented in Paris last week by Professor Marc Girard, scientific director of Pasteur Vaccins, to a meeting of international experts.

The proposed tests have been announced as new information compiled by the World Health Organisation shows that the global spread of Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) has now affected more than 100 countries in North and South America, Europe, Australasia and the Far East.

The volunteers are likely to be found in France.

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Hunt for human donor after Britain's first artificial heart transplant

Man stable after being given only days to live

By David Cross

Britain's first artificial heart transplant patient yesterday squeezed the hands of his doctor and his nurse as he began to recover from the long and complex operation at Papworth Hospital near Cambridge.

Mr Francis Wells, one of two surgeons who carried out the operation, lasting five hours, 20 minutes, over the weekend, said at the hospital that the patient was in a very good, stable condition and had signalled to his wife and medical staff that he was comfortable.

The man, aged 40 and yet to be named, was receiving lots of fluid and would shortly be able to eat.

Mr Terence English, the other surgeon, said the 13-member medical team wanted to replace the plastic and metal heart as soon as possible when a suitable natural one had been found. Ideally that would be within the next week or so when the patient had recovered from the immediate effects of the first operation.

Mr English said the patient had suffered three heart attacks in the past three years, the most recent in September. When the decision to use a Jarvik-7 artificial heart was taken last week, the patient knew he was very seriously ill and the medical team thought he had no more than one or two days to live.

Now that he had been fitted with an artificial heart he would have priority among the 28 patients on the waiting list for heart transplants at Papworth.

Mr English said that clotting and the possibility of a stroke were the most likely immediate dangers to the patient's health. But he was being given drugs to thin his blood and he had experienced no severe bleeding problems to date. Rejection was not a problem with artificial hearts.

Mr English said the operation was a little more involved than a normal transplant. As a result, and because the team was less familiar with the surgery involved, it had taken 20-30 per cent longer than usual.

Mr English said that the cost of the artificial heart - between $12,000 (£8,000) and $15,000 (£10,000) - was being borne by the American company which had pioneered the development of the artificial heart, as part of a $400,000 programme for Papworth.

That included five artificial hearts as well as all the complex compressed air system for circulating the blood and various monitors for tracking the patient's health.

The Papworth team had decided not to have more than one patient fitted with an artificial heart at any one time, Mr English said. That was because of the constant nursing and technical supervision required.

Mr English said that Papworth regarded the implantation of an artificial heart as a temporary device for patients who might otherwise die if a suitable natural organ was not available.

Experience in the US had shown that permanent implants of artificial hearts were not successful in the long term.

The first patient to receive one - Dr Barney Clark, an American - died 112 days after his operation in December 1982. By August of this year, the first five men to be given permanent artificial hearts had died - the last being Mr William Schroeder of Louisville, who suffered several strokes before dying 620 days after his operation.

The artificial heart is powered by a huge air compressor and critics have questioned what kind of life a patient can enjoy linked to such a device.

The success rate for patients who have been given artificial hearts temporarily in the US, France and Sweden is much brighter. All nine patients who have used the latest Jarvik-7 model during the past year or so as a temporary device are still alive.

Barristers reject JPs for family courts

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Barristers are strongly opposing any model for a family court which will involve lay magistrates deciding family cases either alone or sitting with judges.

Their views, which have been submitted to the Lord Chancellor's Department, cut right across the emerging model for a family court which does involve magistrates and which has wide backing from judges, magistrates, solicitors and the Family Courts Campaign group.

The barristers, members of the Family Law Bar Association, say: "We do not consider that lay magistrates should deal with family cases. The work now done by them would be better, more efficiently and more expeditiously done by specialists from the full-time judiciary."

The association, which has put its views in a response to the family court consultation paper from the Lord Chancellor's Department, gives several reasons why it opposes the involvement of lay magistrates.

It says family law cases, especially those concerning children, can involve large numbers of incidents and issues and JPs cannot be expected to have the level of expertise to assimilate and assess the evidence.

Hearings before lay magistrates take longer than those before good professional judges and incur unnecessary costs, it says.

Another objection is that magistrates do not give a reasoned judgement when announcing their decision, the association says.

"In the highly-charged atmosphere of family cases it is never satisfactory for the unsuccessful party merely to be given a decision without detailed reasons at the time."

The association also comes out against lay justices sitting with professional judges. In its experience, it says, registrars and judges "are well able to make decisions without the assistance of another person sitting with them".

The association welcomes a family court along the lines of a unified court within the present High Court and county court structure.

Portfolio Gold — Welcome win for mother

The administrator of a television company is the sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mrs Berit Christina Hookway, aged 42, from Surrey, has played the Portfolio Gold game since it started in *The Times*.

Asked how she intended spending her prize money, Mrs Hookway said: "I have two children to support and I need the money very badly. It will come in very useful."

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Mrs Hookway: Money will come in useful.

Compensation soon for bomb blast victims

Victims of the Brighton bomb blast during the Conservative Party Conference two years ago who have outstanding claims are expected to be offered compensation payments soon for their injuries.

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board said yesterday that most of the remaining cases were in an advanced stage of preparation, but details of the awards would not be published.

There were 31 applications for compensation from 29 civilians and two policemen.

The outstanding claims were held up by the trial of Patrick Magee who was jailed for life for planting the bomb which killed five people at the Grand Hotel in Brighton in October 1984.

Hurd gets Bamber report

By Michael Horsnell

A report into the heavily criticized police handling of the Bamber murders was sent to the Home Secretary yesterday by Mr Robert Bunyard, Chief Constable of Essex.

Mr Douglas Hurd, who ordered it the day after Jeremy Bamber, aged 25, was convicted of shooting five members of his family, is expected to make a statement to Parliament after studying the report.

Meanwhile, he will consult Sir Lawrence Byford, Chief Inspector of Constabulary, who conducted the official inquiry into police handling of the Yorkshire Ripper case in 1981.

Police and the Home Office declined to discuss the report yesterday. But Mr Bunyard, Chief Constable since 1978, is understood to have resolutely defended the officers in charge, who admit they were duped by Bamber.

Mr Bunyard is believed to have reported that, although the inquiry breakthrough was due to Bamber's betrayal by his former girlfriend, Miss Julie Mugford, forensic science evidence had already begun to implicate him.

Sir Lawrence is expected to recommend a tightening of police procedures.

Bamber received five life sentences last week for murdering his adoptive parents, his sister, and her twin sons in order to inherit £436,000 from his parents.

'Skylarking' youth killed best friend

The son of the comedian Mike Reid shot his best friend dead while "skylarking with guns", a court was told yesterday.

Ian Rogers, aged 17, died after being shot last December at the comedian's home in Great Easton, Essex.

Yesterday Mr Reid sat in Chelmsford Crown Court as his son Mark, aged 20, pleaded not guilty to manslaughter.

Mr Graham Parkins, for the prosecution, said Mr Rogers had been messing about with a musket and Mr Reid picked up a shotgun.

Mr Parkins added that, in his account to the police, Mr Reid said: "I thought the gun was unloaded. We were just messing about."

He told the court: "The tragedy resulted from two young men who, for want of a better expression, were skylarking with guns."

The trial continues.

Private Eye case

Maxwell denies bribing Kinnock for a peerage

Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, denied in the High Court yesterday bribing Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, and acting as his paymaster in an attempt to buy a peerage.

The former Labour MP claimed libel damages from the satirical magazine *Private Eye* over the "disgraceful" allegations that by paying for foreign trips he was guilty of bribery or attempted bribery.

Mr Maxwell, chairman of Mirror Group Newspapers, denies the allegations which appeared in two issues of *Private Eye* in July last year.

His counsel, Mr Richard Hartley, QC, told Mr Justice Simon Brown and a jury: "Can there be any doubt that what *Private Eye* is alleging is that Mr Maxwell has acted as paymaster to Mr Kinnock and is, in effect, bribing Mr Kinnock, or attempting to bribe him, in order to get a peerage. Not only is it extremely offensive, but a very serious allegation to make."

The first article claimed that although Mr Maxwell might not be popular with some sections of the Labour movement he "is definitely *de rigueur* with party leader Neil Kinnock".

It said that although there would be an announcement of Mr Kinnock's visit to the East African capitals of Dar-es-Salaam and Nairobi, it would not be revealed that Mr Maxwell was acting as paymaster.

It added: "Members of Kinnock's kitchen Cabinet are fond of boasting how they made money out of the Moscow trip (another Maxwell subsidy), and recall how the Captain picked up the tab for Kinnock's Central American tour after the International Charity, War on Want, backed off for publicity reasons.

"How many more Kinnock freebies will Maxwell have to provide before he is recommended for a peerage?"

Mr Hartley said Mr Maxwell was one of the magazine's favourite targets and there was even a strip cartoon referring to him as "Captain Bob".

But the allegations were a "sham". It was "quite untrue" that it was his personal ambition to be elevated to the House of Lords. It was an offensive allegation to say he had exploited his position as a newspaper publisher to create a public image.

While it was admitted that Mr Maxwell was a supporter of the Labour Party, it takes the "gutter press", such as *Private Eye*, to say he has done something cynical to buy a peerage, Mr Hartley said.

For the most part he ignored their jibes. But in 1975 he sued them for libel and received an unreserved apology and damages.

Then in 1983, when he was compared with Ronald Kray, the magazine published an apology. They also undertook not to publish any more offensive articles about Mr Maxwell. But that was a "hollow" undertaking, Mr Hartley added.

The magazine, against whose publishers, Pressdram Ltd, and their chairman, Mr Richard Ingrams, he seeks damages and an injunction restraining further publication, denies libel and claims what was published is true. They are also counter-claiming damages for libel over a *Mirror* article, headed "Another Whopper".

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Maxwell's style, page 27

Man accused of killing girl flung against wall

Emma Louise Flynn, aged 19 months, was picked up by the ears from her bed, butted several times then grabbed by the legs and had her head swung against the wall, a court was told yesterday.

She died after two days on a life support machine and there were at least 38 separate bruises on her body as well as a fractured skull, Preston Crown Court, Lancashire, was told.

The prosecution alleged that her killer was Michael George, aged 19, and that he had been in a rage after taking drink and drugs.

Before being attacked, Emma, the younger daughter of Mrs April Flynn, with whom Mr George was living, had been woken up at about 2am by a furious argument.

Mr George, of Berkeley Crescent, Padiham, near Burnley, denies murdering Emma, who died on May 6.

The trial continues today.

MP tries to have his ex-wife jailed

The former wife of a Conservative MP faces jail this week over non payment of a £175,000 divorce pay-off.

Mrs Elizabeth Browne, aged 44, has paid £124,000 but still owes £49,500 in maintenance and £11,000 in costs to Mr John Browne, MP for Winchester.

Mrs Browne arrived at the High Court yesterday with her bags packed ready for jail and declared: "I just cannot raise another penny". But the noon deadline for payment passed with no court appearance and a 28-day suspended jail order imposed by Mr Justice Wood last August was not brought into effect.

But as Mrs Browne returned to her Chelsea home, lawyers for her former husband said they were likely to take legal steps for committal in the next few days if the money was not forthcoming.

A former finance company chief and Guards officer, Mr Browne, aged 48, married in 1965. They couple parted in April 1983 and she divorced him the next year on the ground of his adultery.

Mrs Browne, who is half French, said yesterday that she had sold the Belgravia home her mother left her and other property to meet the demand and had no more money.

"I just cannot believe that my ex-husband can do this to me," she said.

During the marriage, Mr Browne was involved in a constituency dispute over a £26,000 house he bought from the local council and put up for sale at £75,000. Then during the Falklands conflict, his request to join the Task Force as a serving Territorial officer was turned down by the Prime Minister.

Mrs Elizabeth Browne: may be jailed for debt to MP.

Naturalist for royal broadcast

By Alan Hamilton

Sir David Attenborough, the broadcaster and naturalist, has been chosen by the Queen to produce her Christmas Day television message this year, Buckingham Palace announced yesterday.

Sir David, aged 60, succeeds the late Richard Cawston, who made the pioneering documentary film *Royal Family* in 1969 and who produced the Christmas broadcast to the Commonwealth for the past 15 years, gradually transforming it from a stiff and formal speech to camera into a much more intimate encounter.

A former controller of BBC2, Sir David is best known for his films of wildlife, culminating in a celebrated scene in his *Life On Earth* series in which he lay down with a family of gorillas.

Buckingham Palace indicated yesterday that the choice of Sir David, made personally by the Queen, did not necessarily mean that the style of the Christmas broadcast would change, or that it would be filmed in jungle locations.

Wife is accused of £910,000 business fraud

A gifted and dynamic businessman who cheated two banks and the Government's Export Credit Guarantee Department out of £3 million was "lying low" in Spain while his wife faced fraud charges, Lincoln Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mr David Farrar, QC, for the prosecution, said Robert Stapleton had pretended to have large contracts to export squash courts and other sports equipment to Australia, Belgium, France and Denmark.

He then fraudulently persuaded Coutts & Company and Lloyds Bank to loan him large sums of money while he was waiting for "payment" from his customers, Mr Farrar said.

He added that the bank loans were backed by the Department of Trade and Industry's Export Credit Guarantee Department.

Mr Stapleton, chairman and managing director of Lumiere (Leisure), of North Hykeham, Lincolnshire, was alleged to be the architect of the large-scale and persistent fraud.

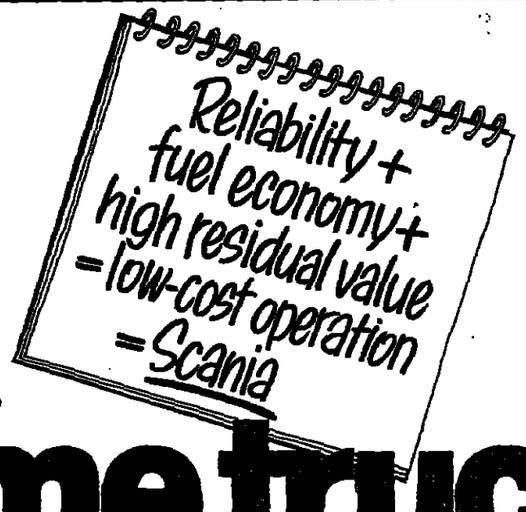
But, Mr Farrar said, he was lying low in Spain, preferring an audience of a press conference rather than that of a jury.

In the dock yesterday were Mr Stapleton's wife, Julia Stapleton, aged 40, a director of the company, and Richard Cole, aged 39, its financial director and chartered accountant.

Mrs Stapleton, of The Spindles, Boothby Graffoe, near Lincoln, denied 10 charges of false accounting and 10 charges of dishonestly obtaining a pecuniary advantage by deception. The charges involved sums from £11,000 to nearly £200,000 and totalling more than £910,000.

Mr Cole, of Beech House, Hayton, near Retford, Nottinghamshire, denied four charges of false accounting and two of furnishing false information involving sums totalling more than £1 million.

The hearing continues.



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Victoria is ruled out as tunnel terminus

TRANSPORT

The Government ruled out suggestions of Victoria Station, London, as a terminus for the Channel Tunnel rail link. Mr David Mitchell, Minister of State for Transport, said that the station was unsuitable for the length of train required for the service.

The minister also said during questions that the Government has approved in principle British Rail investment of up to £390 million in connection with the tunnel.

Individual elements in the proposals would have to be submitted for detailed government approval. The £390 million was at 1985 prices.

Mrs Virginia Bottomley (South West Surrey, C) said the tunnel would create valuable opportunities for manufacturers, particularly in the North, and exciting prospects for its supporters throughout the country.

Mr Mitchell agreed. There was about £1,000 million worth of business to be picked up during construction.

On average, 10,000 jobs a year would be created throughout the term. A well known Glasgow engineering firm had already got letters of intent in relation to Channel tunnel boring machines.

Mr Stuart Holland (Vauxhall, Lab) asked the minister to comment on a report that an entirely new, privately financed, funded and operated rail link from Folkestone to London might be undertaken, with a terminus at Victoria.

How did this relate to the question as to why Waterloo, for example, should be the sole flagship terminal for tunnel traffic?

Mr Mitchell: I know of no authoritative suggestion that there should be a new railway line from the coast to Victoria. British Rail have made clear that Victoria is not suitable for taking the length of trains they need for that service.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch, C) said that the South East Railway built a line from Tonbridge to Reading, via Redhill, for the Channel tunnel a century ago. That line had not been included in the Beeching cuts because it had been built for that purpose.

The line, sadly, was not now included in part of the major electrification scheme which would enable British Rail and the Government to achieve the original objectives of the tunnel, one of the main objectives of the exercise. Would the minister look again at the arrangements with British Rail whereby they had been asked only to provide plans for that which was essential?

Mr Mitchell said he understood British Rail was reviewing its initial decision that freight could not be hauled from the tunnel by diesel and was considering electric haulage. That might well affect the line Mr Adley had referred to.

Mr Roger Gale (Thanet North, C) asked the minister to confirm that, in principle, the department welcomed private investment in British Rail.

Mr Mitchell replied that it was up to British Rail to decide whether there were times when private investment could help them. That was not a central part of its policy at the moment. A motorway service area should be available on the M25 at Thurrock in 1988 and at South Mimms next year, Mr Michael Spicer, Under-Secretary of State for Transport, said when he answered criticisms at Commons question time about the lack of such areas on the orbital route around London.

There were four to five proposals for motorway service areas on the M25, he said, and one had to recognize that the tendering, planning and inquiry processes were very lengthy.

He was replying to Mr John Heddle (Mid-Staffordshire, C) who asked why the general policy of the Department of Transport of providing motorway service areas at intervals of 30 miles had not been adopted for the M25.

Mr John Cartwright (Woolwich, SDP) asked why, in view of the volume of the traffic using the M25, the Government had waited for its completion before coming forward with proposals for essential facilities.

Mr Spicer: That is a reasonable question. It would be a better idea. It is extremely difficult to get the tendering process going until the motorway is complete.

Mr Terence Higgins (Worthing, C) asked if there not some danger that people who left the road during the rush hour for motorway service areas would not be able to get back on again.

Mr Spicer said there would be almost, but not quite, one motorway service area every 30 miles.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said the Prime Minister had not wanted any criticism about the M25. Only a few days had passed and senior Tory MPs were stabbing the Prime Minister in the back.

Mr Spicer said the M25 had been extremely successful in a number of objects, particularly in getting lower levels of lorries in the centre of London.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, defended himself against criticism from Mr Robert Hughes, an Opposition spokesman on transport, that he had not met representatives of the staff of the British Airports Authority, which is to be privatized. Mr Moore pointed out that he had not been asked to see the staff but would be delighted to do so.

Mrs Bottomley: Tunnel will help North.

Mr Hughes: Does not that show contempt for the people working in BAA, those who have given a lot of service to building up the company to what it is now?

Mr Moore: I have not been asked by them if I would like to see them. No such meeting has ever taken place in the history of the BAA.

Beyond that, the letter of the chairman of BAA to the staff on July 28 did indicate the extent to which there had been full and total consultation.

But I will be delighted to see the staff if there are any matters they wish to see me about.

Mr Anthony Steen (South Hams, C) said that when Mr Moore met the BAA chairman he should remind him that it was the Government's policy to practise competition and that competition meant competition between British Airways and other airlines which were independent, and that it was not policy to allow BAA to practise unfair competition

Mr Moore: I am sure the chairman is aware of the Government's commitment to competition policy.

Mr Spicer (left): Delays in service station tenders. Mr Mitchell: BR investment approved.

Bus services 'are being maintained'

It is already clear that with deregulation of bus services the overall level of services will broadly be maintained at a lower cost to the payer of rates and taxes, Mr David Mitchell, Minister of State for Transport, said in one of a series of written replies.

"New forms of operation, including minibuses and taxibuses, are being introduced to meet the needs of travellers more closely."

He said that rural bus services had been maintained broadly at their previous levels, and there had been substantial savings in local authority subsidy.

The Government's transitional rural grant, worth up to £20 million for Great Britain in the present financial year, and the Rural Transport Development Fund, worth £1 million in England this year, with additional amounts for Wales and Scotland, had contributed to that good result and to a number of innovative rural services.

Mr Edward Loyden (Liverpool, Garston, Lab) asked what representations he had received from the trade unions covering passenger transport, about the effects of the Transport Act 1985 on bus services.

Mr Mitchell: I have received a number of representations. Among the points I have made in reply has been that local bus services were in long-run decline before the implementation of the Transport Act 1985, and that in the past 10 years, employment in the bus and coach industry as a whole had fallen by some 22 per cent.

About 20,000 jobs had been lost in that period. The Transport Act gave the bus industry new opportunities to break out of its spiral of decline and there was every reason to believe that in most of the country, it would succeed in doing so.

Rebel peers defeated on EEC unity Bill

The European Communities (Amendment) Bill cleared its last hurdle in the House of Lords last night, opening the way for closer unity between EEC member states.

Rebel peers accepted defeat in their struggle against the measure, which they believe weakens Britain's sovereignty, and it was given a third reading without a vote. It will receive royal assent later this week.

Lord Denning, the former Master of the Rolls, had led the revolt on the grounds that it endangered the sovereignty of the Queen and the British courts while handing over more power to European institutions.

But last night he said he accepted the "political reality" that it would get on the statute book and instead urged Britain to go into Europe with vigour and enthusiasm. He said he had shed his wig and gown for a politician's robe.

"We should give every inducement and encouragement for our best people to go there", he argued. "It is inclined to be regarded as a backwater and people do not want to go there in case they lose opportunities here. That must be altered.

"Do not let us be isolationist any more".

The Bill is the result of a summit agreement to speed up EEC decision-making and open up the internal market. It will mean that more decisions will be taken by majority voting instead of having to be unanimous. Ministers insist, however, that they will still be able to block decisions which seriously damage the national interest.

In spite of its effects on the constitution, it is only three pages long and a guillotine kept debate in the Commons to the bare minimum.

Ten rebel Conservative MPs voted against it at second reading, but it was in the Lords that it met with strong opposition from a group of Labour, Independent and Conservative peers.

Lady Young, the Foreign Office Minister, argued last night that it was a practical response to the needs of the EEC in the 1980s.

It did not detract from the powers of the British Parliament or create new powers, she said.

But several peers pointed out that all-party select committees of both Houses had reported that the Bill would weaken Britain's sovereignty.

Inquiries before decision

BBC LIBEL

The Attorney General is having factual inquiries made before a final decision is made on the institution of proceedings for contempt of court arising out of the *Panorama* libel case, Sir Michael Havers, Attorney General, said during Commons question time.

Mr Alfred Dubs (Battersea, Lab) had asked whether the Attorney General had yet made a decision about possible proceedings for contempt in relation to the publication by some of the media of premature reports concerning an out-of-court settlement in the BBC libel case.

Sir Michael Havers: Since the conclusion of the proceedings I have received a letter from the trial judge setting out the aspects of the media coverage which caused him concern.

Officials have procured copies of the relevant material.

Mr Dubs: There are many disturbing features about the case (Labour cheers). Indeed, there is a widespread sense of disquiet both about media coverage and about many other aspects. Will the Attorney General look into the circumstances

Sir Michael Havers said the original question had concerned media coverage. Even before he received the judge's letter, he had already asked for inquiries to be started.

Mr David Ashby (North West Leicestershire, C): Has he heard the new phrase to "Panorama" somebody. There was no intimidation of witnesses, but the BBC had a hopeless case. They are trying to "Panorama" their own set-up.

Sir Michael Havers: If there is any evidence of intimidation of witnesses I wish it could be made available.

Mr Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab): Mr Christopher Hayward, of Dorset County Council, was nobbled by an official of Conservative Central Office. There is a tape in existence which will prove that. It will inevitably surface, and when it does, we shall look to the Attorney General to ensure that there are prosecutions.

Sir Michael Havers: He is yet again using privilege to make allegations of which he has no evidence of any kind.

House of Lords is accused of housing 'ageism'

PLANNING

The House of Lords was accused of "ageism" and the Government of having acted in bad faith when the Commons considered Lords amendments to the Housing and Planning Bill.

Before the House was a Lords amendment exempting certain dwellings occupied by the elderly from the right-to-buy provisions and giving local authorities the discretion of deciding whether right to buy was appropriate or not.

It was discussed with a government amendment restoring the right-to-buy discretion to the Secretary of State for the Environment. Both amendments introduced the criteria for defining properties suitable for the elderly.

The Lords amendment was rejected by 185 votes to 117 — Government majority, 68, and the Government amendment was agreed to.

Mr John Patten, Minister for Housing, Urban Affairs and Construction, moving that the House should disagree with the Lords amendment, said that some parts of it smacked of discrimination on grounds of age. He never expected to have to accuse the Lords of ageism, at least in part if not in whole.

Under the rules introduced in 1984, it was open to landlords to apply to the Secretary of State to have a house or flat exempted from the right to buy if they considered it particularly suitable for the elderly and it was let for occupation either by a pensioner or a physically disabled person.

Against that background the Lords amendment would simplify the test of "particular suitability" which had to be satisfied before a house could be exempted from the right to buy. It would also take away the Secretary of State's jurisdiction and leave decisions on exemption to the landlords themselves.

The Government could not accept that the decision on exemption from the right to buy should be left to individual landlords. The suggestion in the Lords was that that would have the advantage of giving the courts and not the Government

Decision cannot be left to individual landlord

the final decision on questions of exemption.

That was rather a puzzling assertion. Decisions taken by the Secretary of State under the present arrangements were subject in exactly the same way to the final jurisdiction of the courts. There was no real difference in this respect between what happened now and what the Opposition appeared to have proposed.

It was an extremely good thing to have someone who was totally disinterested in the outcome, such as the Secretary of State, taking those important decisions. Even if all local authorities could be expected to apply the test impartially they would apply it differently.

Mr Jeffrey Rooker (Birmingham, Perry Barr, Lab), Opposition spokesman on housing, said that the Lords had put their amendment into the Bill only because the Government had previously acted in bad faith.

It had allowed the right to buy to take place in the case of properties that had met all the "particularly suitable for the elderly" criteria. That was what had made the Lords so angry.

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C), a former Minister for Housing and Construction, said that he supported the Government in disagreeing with the Lords amendment. He did not think it was possible to leave to district and borough councils — which was the effect of the Lords amendment — the decision as to whether a house or flat should be exempt from the right-to-buy provisions on the ground of its particular suitability for persons of a pensionable age.

Some local authorities were so opposed to the right to buy that they would make capricious decisions.

Mr Rooker was wrong to accuse the Government, and therefore ministers, of acting in bad faith.

From his own experience he could say that every application made by a local authority for exemption from the right to buy on the ground that the accommodation involved was suitable for pensioners was scrutinized carefully by Department of the Environment ministers and every decision was made only on the basis of the facts and in good faith.

Mr John Cartwright (Woolwich, SDP) said that the Lords amendment, which had attracted a broad measure of support, was a very useful step in the right direction, though it did not go as far as it might.

Given the tendency of some local authorities, including his own, to undermine the right to buy, he could understand the minister's reluctance to give them too much power. But the Lords amendment was a reasonable compromise in that the initial decision would lie with the local authority and that that would then be challengeable in the courts.

Government has previously acted in bad faith

Mr Allan Roberts (Bootle, Lab) said that, although public opinion generally supported the right to buy, surveys showed that most people of retirement age would rather rent than be owner-occupiers.

Local authorities should be able to protect their housing stock so that when elderly people needed a bungalow or sheltered housing it could be offered to them. The right to rent was as important as the right to buy.

There was potential for abuse of the system because relatives could be involved in the purchase of a home for elderly relatives with the intention of acquiring that property for themselves once the relative died or had to be moved because of infirmity.

"One of the things we ought to do, especially for the elderly who have lived all their lives in council housing, is to consider the concept of rent-free occupation."

Mr Allen McKay (Barnsley West and Penistone, Lab) said the aged person's dwelling was there for a specific purpose. If it were purchased, then when the owner died, the dwelling became part of the estate.

Mr Patten said the transferable discount scheme for tenants applied only to dwellings, excluded from the right to buy, which were provided by housing-association grants or other public funding.

A number of councils, including Brent, were actually looking at the moment at paying sums to council tenants to move from public-sector to private-sector dwellings.

"We have got to take a look at transferable discounts overall, affecting all sorts of tenants."

Turning to the new criteria to be adopted, he said that these would include shops and transport. The Secretary of State would be able to make an exemption on right to buy if the situation on this aspect was marginal or not entirely satisfactory.

The Institute of Housing had said, in findings published in January 1986, that a very substantial number of applications were being turned down and that only 16 per cent of applications from authorities were successful. The institute had been wrong:

"At the very time they reported, we were expecting claims from local authorities at a level of approximately 34 per cent."

Mr Rooker said he expected that some local authorities would be unreasonable over this matter. But they could be brought before the courts so there was an avenue of redress.

More help needed in child sex cases

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The fight against child sex abuse would be helped if neighbours would look for warning signs because the organization existed to ensure that help and protection were provided, Lady Trumpington, Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, said in the House of Lords.

Answering a question by Lady Faithfull (C) on what reforms the Government proposed to help such children, Lady Trumpington said: The Government is very concerned about children who are the victims of cruelty and abuse and is engaged in a substantial programme of reform.

The Government is preparing proposals for a major recasting of child-care law, which will be published in a White Paper, and simultaneously it is continuing its programme to help professionals to raise their standards in child care by encouraging training, and is issuing guidelines on inter-agency working in child-abuse cases, on placing the child in care at home and on reviews of children in care.

Lady Faithfull: Social services departments are responsible in law for cases, yet they alone cannot carry the full responsibility and must be supported by and work with education departments, police, health departments and voluntary organizations.

The public wish to help and need to help. Would it not be wise for meetings to be held, perhaps in every county, where the public can be informed of the problem, where they can be told where to refer cases and how to help neighbours in trouble and in need?

Lady Trumpington: I agree that neighbours and friends can be of great help. The Government believes that more can be done locally and nationally.

Later Lady Trumpington said that as part of management responsibilities, local authorities should monitor the implementation of lessons learnt from individual cases.

There were no national statistics on child abuse available, but more cases of child sexual abuse were coming to light because of increasing awareness of the problem and alertness by professional staff.

"More could be done", she said. "Much is being done but unfortunately, in an imperfect world, we will never eliminate child abuse. We must encourage and help parents to care properly for their children and seek help when they need it.

"We must encourage those in contact with children to look for the signs of abuse. The organization does exist to ensure help and protection are provided."

Lord Ennals (Lab): We will be looking forward anxiously to the proposals to be made for changes in legislation. It may be that while we are facing a crisis in terms of numbers and horrors of sexual abuse, in many cases it is things that have been going on unknown for many years which are now becoming known.

Lady Trumpington: Legislation will be introduced as soon as time can be found in the parliamentary timetable.

In October a grant was announced totalling £400,000 to help to combat child sexual abuse, to be spent on setting up training projects with professional staff and telephone counselling services, one of which is the recently launched Child Line programme.

Times ban deplored by minister

Although Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, deplored the decision of some local authorities to ban News International publications, including *The Times*, from its public libraries he had concluded it would not be appropriate for him to intervene, Lord Glenarthur, Minister of State, Scottish Office, said a written reply in the Lords.

He had received a request to intervene, but the statutory position in Scotland differed from that in England.

News International could seek a judicial remedy if it believed that the authorities concerned were in breach of their statutory obligations. But Mr Rifkind hoped that what was essentially a misguided political decision would be corrected by the good sense of the authorities concerned.

Labour's fears on tunnel

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

The Government faces further severe embarrassment over its prestige channel project tomorrow when at least two, and possibly three, of the nine-man select committee that has been examining the Channel Tunnel Bill will publicly dissent from its findings.

Unless a last-minute compromise can be found at day-long private meetings today, the Labour MPs Mr Nick Raynsford (Fulham) and Mr Terry Lewis (Worsley) will claim that the crucial question of the tunnel's safety has been brushed under the carpet and that the committee's work has been rushed through at break-neck speed.

They may or may not be joined by a third Labour MP, Mr Allan Rogers.

Discrediting the parliamentary process has been one of the chief weapons of the tunnel's opponents, and the Eurotunnel consortium, which last week had immense difficulty raising even £206 million towards the £4.7 billion project, badly needs to avoid further adverse publicity.

The draft report is understood to make only a passing reference to the tunnel's safety.

Knowsley North by-election

Howarth brushes off 'thugs'

By Nicholas Wood
Political Reporter

Mr George Howarth, the beleaguered Labour moderate imposed as candidate on the Militant-influenced Knowsley North local party for next week's by-election declared himself yesterday to be impervious to "thuggish misbehaviour" at meetings of local activists.

"Nobody likes people who misbehave thuggishly at meetings. I am quite capable of looking after myself in that situation," he said.

Mr Howarth, who was forced on the Labour-held seat by the party's ruling national executive committee, was speaking after the Knowsley North executive committee had unanimously refused to adopt him as its champion — a move that is likely to lead to their being disbanded.

He dismissed the vote as the opinions of a small minority out of touch with Labour supporters both local and national.

Mr Howarth contrasted the vote taken by up to 20 people who "religiously attend meetings and pass all manner of resolutions of interest to themselves" with the 60 people out campaigning for him on Sunday.

"They are a small minority of people even within the Labour Party. They have the total disapproval of the community who don't like them."

Mr Howarth, facing battles on all sides.

But Mr David Alton, MP for Mossley Edge, Liverpool and Liberal Chief Whip, who was supporting Miss Rosemary Cooper, aged 35, his party's candidate, dismissed Mr Howarth as a "lame duck" candidate and predicted that his energies would be expended on "internicene warfare" if he were elected.

Mr Alton claimed that the local Labour Party was sewing the seeds of Mr Howarth's destruction by its decision not to adopt him.

Mr Howarth countered by saying that he would concentrate on representing his constituents at Westminster

Dead cat presents a voting problem

By Our Political Reporter

A dead cat hurled into his garden and the prospect of a hefty rates demand on his ever-extending bungalow present Mr William Wright with a ticklish political dilemma.

Should he abandon his Labour roots turn a deaf ear to his wife's pleadings on behalf of the Alliance and vote Tory?

Yesterday, this 58-year-old taxi driver and father of five from Kirkby, the scene of next week's Knowsley North by-election, was considering his fast diminishing options as he became a central figure in the battle for the Labour-held Merseyside seat.

The dead cat, dirty grey and wrapped in a polythene bag, emanated from the car park of the Kirkby Liberal Club, which adjoins his suburban estate — a missive not calculated to raise the party's standing in Mr Wright's already jaundiced eyes.

Other communications, also said to stem from the Liberal car park, include the noise of late night revelry, a regular stream of beer cans accounting for a greenhouse, an infestation of vermin and litter blown through the railings dividing the two properties.

With the aid of a neighbourly vicar, Mr Wright often has to douse fires started by children among the plastic sacks in which the Liberals dispose of their rubbish.

Yesterday, standing at the end of his muddy plot at 23 Pitsmead Road, Mr Wright said he had protested to the managers of the club about the noise and the mess.

"It's a health hazard. All I'm seeking is they keep it tidy... I think someone should drop a bomb on it and blow it away."

But Labour, with its commitment to high rates, is no more attractive a prospect now that the extension is £2,000 over budget and still growing.

The fate of the Wright vote was first raised by Mr Jack Straw, the Labour MP for Blackburn, who is minding Mr George Howarth, the Walworth Road candidate in this Militant-dominated seat.

"He assured me he was voting Labour", Mr Straw announced as he embarked on his lighthearted attempt to torpedo a potential Liberal revival.

Mr David Alton, MP for Mossley Edge, Liverpool, also on the campaign trail, accused Mr Straw of "clutching at straws".

"I think it seems a red herring rather than a dead cat. And I think this shows just what a dead loss the Labour campaign is at the moment.

Tories to see Jopling on farms

By Our Political Reporter

Senior Conservative MPs are to meet Mr Michael Jopling, the agriculture minister, today to demand urgent action to protect British farmers against the dictates of Brussels.

The delegation will be led by Sir Peter Mills, chairman of the Conservative backbench agriculture committee, who said yesterday that he was "very concerned" about the consequences for British agriculture of the common agricultural policy price-fixing agreement reached this spring.

"It is hitting certain sectors of the farming community very hard indeed", he claimed.

In particular they will complain about Brussels' reluctance to allow a devaluation of the green pound. Because Ireland has been allowed to devalue the punt, Irish farmers are enjoying a £151 subsidy a beef carcass which gives them an enormous advantage

Alliance choice

A solicitor, Mr Sumal Fernando, has been selected to fight the Conservative-held marginal constituency of Nottingham North for the SDP-Liberal alliance at the next general election.

Top 5% pay £12bn tax

The top 5 per cent of taxpayers (counting a married couple as one) were expected to pay about £12 billion in income tax in 1986-87, Mr Norman Lamont, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said in a Commons written reply.

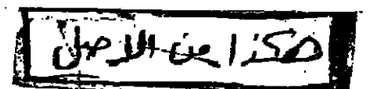
If higher rates of tax were increased by 10 percentage points and 20 percentage points, they would pay additional tax of £1.3 billion and £2.5 billion, respectively.

Those estimates made no allowance for possible behavioural changes which might result from increased higher rates. They also assumed no change to the basic rate of tax.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Public Order Bill and Housing (Scotland) Bill, Lords amendments. Motion on Channel Tunnel Bill.

Lords (2.30): Housing and Planning Bill, Commons amendments. Deacons (Ordination of Women) Measure.



Blood and saliva samples sought from 7,000 in research project

Meningitis tests start in stricken area

By Robin Young

Public health workers yesterday started tests on the 7,000 residents of Stonehouse, Gloucester, in the most comprehensive meningitis research project yet mounted.

For the past two years Stonehouse has been the main focus of the meningitis outbreak in the Stroud area, and 10 out of its 12 cases have occurred on the Park housing estate, with a population of only 2,000.

The project is being funded by the Department of Health and Social Security to the extent of £57,000, which will pay for throat swabs and blood sampling.

About £20,000 has been raised locally by the Meningitis Trust to pay for saliva testing because researchers at Edinburgh University, who suspect that people who do not secrete blood group substances in their saliva are more prone to develop the disease.

The sample collections will take a fortnight, with up to 30 staff working in the evenings and on Saturdays. The samples will be analysed at public health laboratories in Gloucester, Bristol, Hereford and Manchester.

Members of the Meningitis Trust have had letters and appointment cards delivered to every home in Stonehouse.

The project co-ordinators are emphasizing that while the research will not carry personal benefits, it is important that as many people as possible should give samples for the research to yield the best results.

Dr Gareth Leyshon, director of community medicine in the Gloucester health district, said that the outbreak in Stroud was not unusual, but reverted to a situation that was commonplace 20 years ago.

A particular complication is that the disease is principally of the B15R strain, identified only in 1978, which seems capable of sustaining outbreaks for longer than other strains.

It is also seems to attack teenagers and young adults rather than young children.

Dr Stuart starting the mass project with Danielle Smith, aged 18 months, and her parents (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater).

Dr James Stuart, senior registrar in community medicine, said that throat swabs would be used to identify carriers of meningitis germs, and blood tests would be examined for evidence of immunity.

The sample collections take less than five minutes, and all six schools in the village are to be visited by researchers.

There have been 54 cases of meningitis in the Stroud area since 1981, and three deaths, of which one was in Stonehouse. But Dr Stuart said that there were epidemics involving similar numbers of cases, though spread among a larger population, in Plymouth and on Merseyside.

"It has been said that the incidents of meningitis around Stroud is 14 times the national average," he added.

"But that is not a very meaningful figure because nationally as many as half the cases may go unnotified."

The Meningitis Trust has just achieved charitable status, and now sees itself as a national campaign against meningitis.

TV shows accused of stereotyping Asians and blacks

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

Britain's television broadcasters are continuing to put out programmes that stereotype blacks and other minority groups, according to a study to be published later this month by the Commission on Racial Equality.

The study says that while progress has been made to reflect on television the multi-ethnic nature of British society, both the BBC and the independent companies are still broadcasting programmes containing unflattering portrayals of minorities, and other programmes that ignore minorities altogether.

Mr Peter Newsam, chairman of the commission, said that British television programmes still compare unfavourably with many made in the United States, which show a higher proportion of minorities in leading and positive roles.

Two of the worst British programmes for negative stereotyping are *In Sickness and In Health* on BBC1 and *Tandoori Nights* on Channel 4, Mr Newsam said.

Tandoori Nights "should have been an ideal opportunity to introduce Asian humour, but instead it is full of negative stereotypes," Mr Newsam said. He added that *In Sickness and In Health* presents a man with formidable racist views.

"The intention is to ridicule those views, because they are so extreme, but the evidence is that programmes of this kind reinforce the beliefs of many people. These programmes are not watched exclusively by liberal-minded people."

Many other programmes portray black people in subservient roles, "bringing in trays or falling about," Mr Newsam said.

Other programmes ignore minorities altogether, he said. *'Allo 'Allo*, the BBC1 comedy series about the Second World War, leaves the impression that no minorities took part in the conflict.

But, Mr Newsam said, some programmes have been outstanding in portraying minorities positively.

Among them are *Brookside*, the Channel 4 soap opera with many good parts for Afro-Caribbeans, and the adaptation of John Synge's *Playboy of the Western World*, which was presented as *Playboy of the West Indies*, also with Afro-Caribbean actors.

Mr Newsam welcomed the statement by Mr Bill Cotton, managing director of BBC Television, promising a greater effort to hire black people as programme presenters and managers.

Visitors give over £400,000 to V&A

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

A weekly spectacle of puzzled tourists milling outside the locked doors of the Victoria and Albert Museum in London may be drawing to a close.

The museum has been closed to the public on Fridays for almost a decade, because of staff cuts imposed by the Government of the day, but a voluntary donations scheme has paved the way for reinstating a seven-day service next year.

Lord Carrington, chairman of the board, said yesterday that the move was one of several improvements made possible by an encouraging response to the donations scheme. Visitors had contributed more than £400,000 since it was introduced a year ago for an experimental two-year period.

Lord Carrington: defended voluntary donations.

Attendances had dropped by more than 40 per cent, but they were expected to recover gradually. Lord Carrington defended the controversial scheme, saying the trustees had no intention of introducing compulsory charges.

"We believe very strongly in free admission. Nobody is compelled to pay, nobody is harried or pestered, or made to feel a leper if they do not pay. I don't think we've got anything to be ashamed of."

Statistics issued by the museum showed that just over half of the visitors in the past year had made donations. Those from overseas were by far the most generous.

Asked about Labour Party opposition to admission charges, Lord Carrington expressed scepticism about prohibiting people from making voluntary contributions: "How does one prevent people from paying if they want to? Frankly it doesn't seem very sensible to me."

The additional revenue would also help to produce better signposting in the museum. Many visitors had complained of getting lost in the complex of buildings, which covers 12 acres and contains seven miles of gallery space.

Lord Carrington said the museum still faced financial difficulties, however. It had had to divert £265,000 from its budget to ensure employees' salaries kept pace with inflation, and it required more than £20 million for building renovation.

Automation revolution

Common language will get machines talking

By Keith Hindley

Factory computers, robots and equipment of more than sixty brands are this week working smoothly together for the first time in a revolution in automation.

Wired together in a Basingstoke warehouse, the normally incompatible hardware is exchanging instructions, using the computer language equivalent of Esperanto.

For years now, different companies have made equipment built around their own individual computer languages. Few bits of hardware have been compatible and business has been forced to stick with a single supplier or buy incompatible units.

Now all that has changed with the development of the Manufacturing Automation Protocol or MAP — in effect an international computer language.

At Basingstoke everyone is using MAP to pass instructions together down a single electronic cable.

"This demonstration marks a major turning point for manufacturing industry," Mr Tony Dousenico, a consultant organizing the Basingstoke event, said.

"It could offer industry annual savings in production costs running into billions of pounds."

The collaborations at Basingstoke are certainly surprising. The two big American computing companies, IBM and DEC, are playing chess together, using robots to move 2ft-high chess pieces, and linked by the MAP communications cable.

Elsewhere, a pipe-forming machine and a storage robot from incompatible firms are [illegible] group of quality control robots are checking out a new Jaguar car, while a man strolls round a Vauxhall saloon, making a quality report verbally, directly into another computer.

A few yards away, you can sit down and design an aeroplane, using a group of normally alien computers while a third costs everything on the spot.

In one corner, another group of competitors are designing a diesel engine while in another, a robot is piecing together coloured plastic beer mats to your specific design.

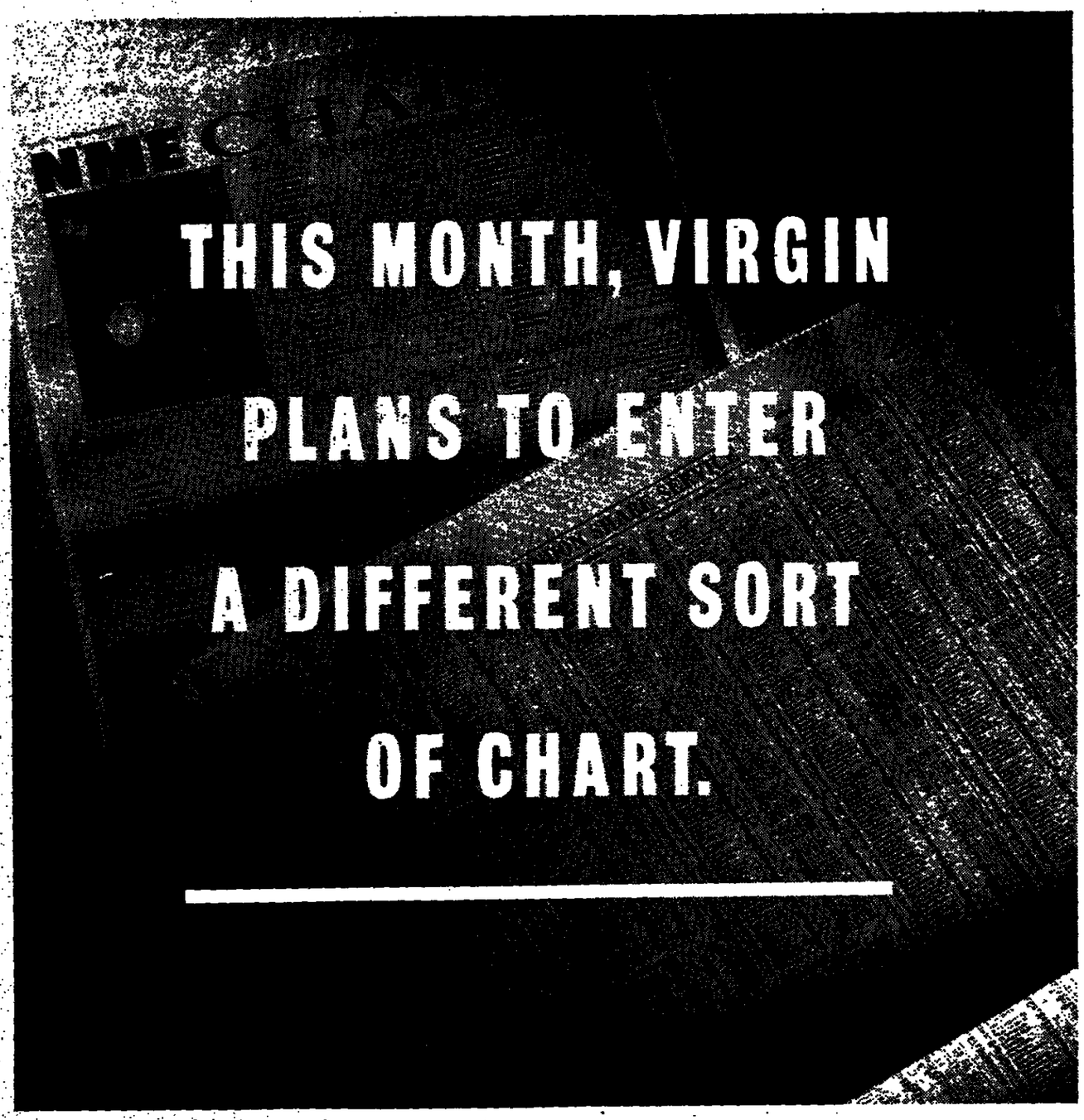
In all, 15 groups involving 60 companies are tapped into a single cable to relay messages between computers and equipment, unheard of to date.

The machine talk is MAP 2 which has, in effect, chosen an individual language but has not settled the final subtle details of pronunciation. That will come in Map 3, to be finally agreed next year.

The Basingstoke test is a trial run for the CIMAP event, the Computer Integrated Manufacturing Automation Protocol demonstration, which will open at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham on December 1.

Sponsored by the Department of Trade and Industry, the event will show the benefits that can be achieved now using MAP to integrate equipment.

CIMAP will put on some amazing demonstrations but its main purpose is to provide initial MAP training for everyone in industry, from managers and computer engineers to machine operators. Experts will outline the potential that MAP holds for every [illegible]



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Companies are still putting the man into management

Personnel policies and attitudes towards women actively discourage them from developing careers, an "equal opportunities" survey published yesterday says.

The survey, involving 1,200 people in seven insurance companies and conducted by the Peppercell Unit, is part of the Women in Insurance project which has been supported by the Manpower Services Commission and an industry steering group of senior managers and trade unionists.

Middle and senior managers, who potentially affect women's career developments, are more likely to hold traditional and stereotyped views of women at work.

One third of senior managers surveyed believe that women's inherent characteristics mean that few are suitable for management jobs.

"For every good lady you get, when you get down to the nitty gritty they have difficulty," one senior manager said.

Middle and senior managers are also particularly likely to believe that most women are not interested in a career.

"I think men are basically more ambitious. Girls at lower levels are content to have a clear desk. Men want something a bit better. Men are always pushing a bit harder," another senior manager said.

The women surveyed did not agree: 74 per cent said it was essential or important to have promotion possibilities and 59 per cent said career development was one of the five most important qualities in any job.

But there are still attitudes that make it harder for women to win promotion. "Senior management want a certain type of person with aggressive direction; this excludes females," one of the men said.

There is a widespread belief, again particularly among middle and senior managers, that women with young children should not work outside the home. "It is not attractive that a young woman with a young child should be at work all the time. I do think that there's a time that a family is more important than a job for society," a senior manager said.

There is a dubious legality around some of the practices concerning maternity leave. Most companies apparently viewed it as a break in service. "The company pays lip-service to maternity leave. Technically I had to resign ... I was never offered the chance of keeping my job open," one woman said.

There are also fears about promoting women on the ground that they might leave to have babies. "I was asked if I was a career women or if I was going to have a family," one woman said.

Questions such as this are potentially illegal under the Sex Discrimination Act unless they are being asked equally of men. "I don't think anybody would acknowledge they're discriminating," one middle manager said.

"But I don't think any senior manager would not consider, if he's appointing a manager and she's married, whether she's likely to have children, and maybe choose a man."

Peter Gooday's fishing lived up to his name yesterday and he waded his way home across the flooded football pitches in the Old Deer Park, Richmond, after a splendid catch. The level of the Thames is being lowered for repairs to bridges and local anglers such as Mr Gooday, a Richmond antique dealer, know that causes the fish to collect in shoals. (Photograph: John Rogers)

Family in race row face eviction

A Bengali family were "racially harassed" by their white neighbours for five years, a court was told yesterday.

Now Mrs Maria Hawkins and her two sons may lose their home if a Labour-controlled council wins its battle to repossess their top floor flat.

Camden council claims Mrs Hawkins's sons have racially harassed Mr Abdul Ali, his wife and six children, since the Alis moved to the tower block on the Tybald Close Estate, Holborn, central London.

Mr William Paton, for Camden council, told Clerkenwell County Court that the harassment consisted of spitting, swearing and breaking the windows of the Bengali family's flat in Blemundsbury, Dobey Street.

Mr Ali, speaking through an interpreter, told the court: "They called me bad names like 'black bastard' and 'Paki' and they spat at me.

"I was in the bathroom one time and Frank Hawkins and some of his friends banged on the door and Frank smashed the windows. I begged him again and again not to."

Mrs Hawkins faces two other summonses for £138.38p rent arrears and defying an earlier court order banning her mongrel dog from the estate.

The hearing continues today.

Fireworks withdrawn from sale

A firework manufacturer yesterday withdrew rockets from sale amid calls by the National Campaign for Firework Reform for a ban on firework sales in shops.

Sohni Esco Fireworks, of West Yorkshire, ordered retailers to withdraw Whistling Moon Traveller rockets from sale although they had been declared safe by the explosives inspector of the Health and Safety Executive.

Last year 968 people, mostly children and teenagers, were taken to hospital with firework injuries.

Mr Dave Gordon, of the Firework Advisory Bureau, said Sohni Esco had withdrawn the rockets "purely as a precautionary measure". No injuries or accidents involving the rockets had been reported.

But after complaints that "hooligans" were letting them off in the streets, trading standards officers ordered further safety tests which showed that high winds could blow the Whistling Moon Traveller off course.

"We are voluntarily withdrawing this rocket," said Mr Nigel Jackson, sales manager. "We are also calling for a total ban on the sales of mini rockets next year."

Man hurt by bomb in lavatory

A middle-aged man from Banbury, Oxfordshire, received a fractured skull when a bomb tore apart the cistern of an Oxford public lavatory.

Police checked every public lavatory in the city in case other explosives had been hidden.

Forensic scientists at Aldermaston were yesterday examining fragments of the device which was placed in the cistern.

Det Chief Insp Tony Chamberlain, head of Oxford CID, said: "It appears to be a concerted attempt to cause an explosion but we just don't know the motive. We don't know if it was a prank connected with November 5, or something more sinister."

One theory the police are investigating was that the bomb was an attack on homosexuals.

Police sealed off the area around the public toilet block at the Cowley shopping centre and diverted traffic.

A spokesman said: "All the indications are that the device was planted in the toilet, to be detonated by the first person to go into the cubicle".

Firearms in crime: 2

Police fear flourishing black market for guns

The question of increasing the controls on shotgun ownership is an emotive debate. In the second of two articles, Mark Ellis looks at the issues.

A flourishing black market in firearms supplies the majority of weapons used in British crime and senior police officers say there is little difficulty in getting guns to order.

Against that background rages the debate on gun ownership controls with the powerful sporting lobby, which is accused of a cavalier attitude towards safety and security of weapons, arguing that sufficient safeguards exist.

Indeed police may refuse a shotgun certificate to anyone if they consider possession would endanger public safety. The chief constable has to be satisfied applicants are "fit persons" (without criminal records) before giving approval.

A range of other restrictions exists to protect the public and to prevent shotguns falling into the wrong hands, but the Police Federation, which represents rank-and-file officers, says it is not enough.

In particular, there is concern over a shotgun certificate which entitles the holder to an unlimited number of weapons.

The crux of the debate is whether there should be a presumption against granting a certificate, which sportsmen and farmers see as an infringement of personal liberty, or the present system of meeting the basic police requirements.

The Police Federation says the sporting lobby has the ear of the Government, which includes a number of shots within its ranks, and is hence unwilling to impose stricter controls.

It adds: "We think shotguns are too readily available. The gun trade itself acts responsibly, but it is a fairly cavalier attitude to the safety and security of shotguns that leads to them being left around in barns and houses where they are easy targets for burglars."

The British Field Sports Society, which represents about 450,000 shooters, said it would be wrong to penalize the legitimate owners of shotguns because of rising crime involving the use of firearms as the two matters were not linked.

The National Farmers' Union said: "Greater controls are neither reasonable nor justified by the facts. Very few shotguns are taken in burglaries and it is more likely that guns used in crime are imported into the country by the criminal fraternity."

The use of shotguns in crime focuses public attention because of the appalling consequences, such as in crimes of passion and the case of the Bamber family massacre. But at the end of the day those tragedies account for a fraction of the number of crimes involving firearms.

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Senate seats the key

Democrats look for lame-duck Reagan

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Americans go to the polls today to elect a full House of Representatives, 34 senators, 36 governors and hundreds of state officials across the country.

The key question is whether the Democrats will succeed in regaining control of the Senate, enabling them to block much of President Reagan's legislation and effectively turning him into a lame duck President in his final two years.

But after a campaign which has been remarkable for its cost, triviality, mud-slinging and voter apathy, the Senate race is so close that neither party can be sure of victory. In many of the 13 key marginal states, the Republican and Democratic candidates are running neck-and-neck, despite an all-out barnstorming through the country by President Reagan, who is hoping to tip the balance in the Republicans' favour.

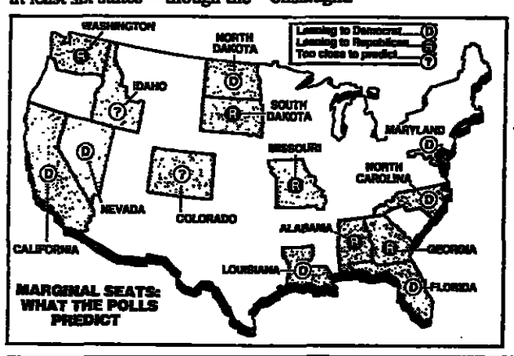
At present, the Republicans have a majority of 53-47 in the Senate. The Democrats therefore need a net gain of four seats. The polls show Republicans extremely vulnerable in at least six states – though the Democrats may lose two others.

But if, as seems possible, both parties end up with 50 seats each, Vice-President George Bush will have to spend most of the next two years in the Senate casting his tie-breaking vote. This would effectively kill his hopes of campaigning for the Republican presidential nomination.

US MID-TERM ELECTIONS

Of the 34 Senate seats being contested, 22 are currently held by the Republicans. Of these, at least nine are marginal, and the Democrats' best hopes lie in Alabama, Idaho, North Carolina, North and South Dakota.

President Reagan has made vigorous campaign speeches in four of these five in the final hectic week, and has also been to Colorado and California, two of the four states held by Democrats that appear most vulnerable to a Republican onslaught.



Ironically, the key to the Senate may lie in two of America's most remote and least populated states: the two Dakotas. Republican Senator Mark Andrews, elected by a landslide in North Dakota in 1980, is now fighting for his life against Mr Kent Conrad, who has capitalized on farmers' anger over the farm crisis.

To the south, Mr Tom Daschle, the Democrat who was South Dakota's lone congressman, is mounting a similar challenge to Senator James Abdnor, though the low-key incumbent appears to have edged ahead in the past few months.

In North Carolina, the Republican Senator James Broyhill, appointed only in June to fill the vacancy left by Senator John East's suicide, appears slightly behind in the race with Mr Terry Sandford, a former popular liberal Democratic Governor.

In nearby Georgia, Senator Mack Mattingly won by only two per cent in 1980, but is being pressed by a liberal congressman, Mr Wyche Fowler. And further south in Florida, Ms Paula Hawkins, one of only two women in the Senate, is at least four points behind Governor Robert Graham, a formidable Democratic opponent. Plagued by health problems, she has been supported by campaign visits from both Mr Reagan and Mr Bush.

In Alabama, the Republican incumbent, Mr Jeremiah Denton, also won a slim victory in 1980, and though he had the lead over Congressman Richard Shelby for most of the present campaign, the Democrat is closing the gap.

In Nevada, where President Reagan's old friend, Mr Paul Laxalt, has retired, the Republicans seem in poor shape. Their candidate, Mr James Santini, is a former Democrat who switched parties, and has been trailing behind Democratic Congressman Harry Reid, despite strong intervention by President Reagan.

In the North-West, there are two other Republican marginals: Idaho, where Mr Steve Symms is neck-and-neck with Democratic Governor John Evans, in one of the country's nastiest and most negative campaigns, and Washington, where Senator Slade Gordon appears to be holding off the unexpectedly strong challenge from Mr Brock Adams, a former Democratic Secretary of Transportation.

In the Democratic marginals, the most attention is on Colorado and California. In the latter, the liberal Senator Alan Cranston, who is 72, is meeting an ever stiffening challenge from the younger Republican Congressman Ed Zschau, who has President Reagan's enthusiastic support. Mr Cranston appears vulnerable after 18 years in the Senate, and the race is not only the nation's costliest but a Republican win in Mr Reagan's home state would be of enormous psychological importance to him and his party.

In Colorado, Mr Gary Hart's retirement has sparked a mean campaign between two congressmen at opposite ends of the political spectrum – Mr Tim Wirth, a liberal Democrat, and Mr Ken Kramer, a conservative Republican. The race looks like a dead heat at present.

In Louisiana, the Republicans have run a rich but inept campaign that may have backfired with hints of racism. If the black vote turns out, Congressman John Breaux seems set to beat Congressman Henson Moore for the seat of former Senator Russell Long.

And finally each party can look forward to at least one almost certain gain: for the Republicans in Missouri, where former Governor Christopher Bonds will probably beat Ms Harriet Woods for Senator Thomas Eagleton's old seat, and in Maryland, where the feisty Democrat, Ms Barbara Mikulski, will capture the former Republican seat of Mr Charles Mathias, now being defended by Ms Linda Chavez.

The nation's attention is on the Senate race. But in the House of Representatives the Democrats are also likely to increase the majority they already hold.

The Republicans, however, are pinning hopes of big gains on the state capitols around the nation, where 19 governors are retiring and a record of nine women candidates are running for office.

The Republicans have strong hopes of upsetting the 34-16 balance the Democrats hold around the country, especially in the West, where there are a number of Democratic governors in strongly Republican country. Big gains in this field could make a real difference to Republican strength at state and local level.

Another important feature of the campaign is the system of "direct democracy" referendums, or propositions. This year, there are 226 in 43 states, and include proposals to establish new lotteries, shut down nuclear power plants, limit abortions, quarantine Aids victims, liberalize marijuana laws and declare English the official state language.

Some of the propositions, especially those on English and Aids on the ballot in California, have national importance, because of the state's size and influence. Others, such as the Oregan proposal to close the state's only nuclear power plant, could spell the beginning of many similar closures, to the consternation of the power industry.

Propositions, which become law after the ballot, also include horse race betting in Kansas, lotteries and tax limitations. In Vermont, there is an attempt to revive the Equal Rights Amendment for women, which could spark renewed interest nationally.

ALtogether this year's campaign has been one of the most costly in history, and has been dominated by television advertising, with very little traditional stumping of the constituencies. Vast sums have been raised to pay for the 30-second commercials, which have been increasingly negative in tone, and focused on local issues.

There has been little discussion of foreign policy or any national questions.

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Mr John Kennedy Jr, son of the assassinated United States President, giving moral support in Baltimore to his cousin, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, daughter of the late Senator Robert Kennedy, who is running for Congress in Maryland.

Alfonsín envoy puts case to Paris

From Diana Geddes
Paris

Señor Jorge Sabato, the Argentine junior Minister for Foreign Affairs, arrived in Paris on Saturday at the start of a tour of European capitals to explain President Alfonsín's position over "the situation provoked by the unilateral decision of the British Government to install an exclusive 150-mile zone around the Falkland Islands".

The day after his arrival, Señor Sabato flew to Geneva for meetings with Argentine Embassy officials. He is due to return to Paris today for talks with French foreign ministers, before flying on to Italy, Holland, Belgium, West Germany and Spain.

His tour comes shortly before the United Nations is due to debate the annual Argentine resolution on the future of the Falklands. Last year France, which was the first European nation to give Britain its support in the 1982 Falklands war, disappointed London by voting for the Argentine resolution.

Until then, France had always abstained. The Socialist government of the day pointed out that the resolution was more moderate than in the past, notably omitting any reference to sovereignty, and explained that it had always been in favour of a negotiated settlement to the dispute between Britain and Argentina.

It is not clear what line the present right-wing Government will take this time, particularly in view of the strong views expressed by M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, on the need for self-determination to settle the future of France's own overseas territories.

A French Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday that the Government was waiting to see the text of this year's Argentine resolution before deciding what position it would take. France's vote might also be affected by the present fishing dispute between Argentina and Britain, he added.

President Alfonsín telephoned President Mitterrand last week to discuss the dispute. The French President is reported to have adopted a non-committal attitude, simply speaking of France's desire to contribute to a peaceful settlement of the dispute.

● BUENOS AIRES: President Alfonsín said yesterday that Argentina would strongly but peacefully defend its interest in the area (Eduardo Cue writes).

"The Argentine people and Government are peaceful, but we are going to act in defence of our rights with the firmness that the people expect of us," Señor Alfonsín told the opening session of a Latin American naval conference in the seaside resort of Mar del Plata. "Argentina will make its rights respected, but in peace."

He said the British Government was "plundering" Argentine territory, and defended the controversial fishing pacts with the Soviet Union and Bulgaria, saying the treaties had been signed to organize multi-national fishing in the area and to protect the right of Argentina.

Nkomo disowns rebels after school set ablaze

From Michael Hartnack, Harare

Rebels burned three classrooms and a headmaster's office at a school 100 miles east of Bulawayo at the weekend, a Zimbabwean official has confirmed.

It was one of the most serious incidents of unrest since the Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, and the Zapu leader, Mr Joshua Nkomo, announced in August they were nearing agreement on a unity accord.

The day after the attack, security forces killed two "bandits" – official terminology for renegade ex-guerrillas who claim to back Zapu. Mr Nkomo has disowned the dissidents, however, and has been touring his traditional strongholds in the Matabeleland and Midlands provinces urging co-operation.

Meanwhile, President Canaan Banana yesterday opened a conference in Harare aimed at promoting £600 million investment in the nine countries of the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference.

Zimbabwe alone is presenting 200 projects, requiring £300 million backing, to 400 international businessmen.

Mozambique in crisis

Maputo fights for recovery

From Michael Hornsby: Maputo

Mozambique, potentially one of the richest countries in Africa, is facing the worst economic crisis of its short life as an independent state as it struggles to escape from the consequences of drought, government mismanagement and a spreading insurgency.

The death in a plane crash on October 19 of President Machel, the leader of Frelimo, the guerrilla movement which took power after the withdrawal of the Portuguese in 1975, has now added political uncertainty to the country's already heavy burden of problems.

The Renamo insurgency in the countryside is beyond much dispute the biggest obstacle to recovery. So long as this continues, there is scant hope of rebuilding Mozambique's shattered economy.

But the 1981-84 drought, during which 100,000 people are said to have died, and misguided social and economic policies, admitted by Frelimo to have been errors, have also contributed to the country's plight.

The last year of economic growth was 1981. Since then domestic production has fallen by about 40 per cent. A large balance of payments deficit and shortage of foreign exchange severely limit the import of badly needed food, machinery, transport, spare parts and vital raw materials such as petroleum.

In 1985, export earnings amounted to no more than $82 million (£58.6 million), of which 43 per cent was accounted for by prawns and 37 per cent by cashew nuts, cotton, sugar and copra. It was the worst export performance since independence.

The two other main sources of foreign exchange income were the remittances of the 60,000 Mozambican miners working in South Africa, which accounted for $50 million and about $40 million in dues received from third countries which use Mozambique's port and rail system.

Miners' earnings will be phased out over the next year or so as a result of Pretoria's recent decision, in response to the imposition of economic sanctions, to forbid further recruitment of Mozambican workers and to send home those already in South Africa as their contracts expire.

Renamo attacks on the railway lines leading to the three main ports of Maputo, Beira and Nacala and the lack of technicians to run and maintain the ports have sharply reduced this trade, much of which has been diverted through South African ports.

Before independence 6.8 million tons of international cargo passed through the port of Maputo (or Lourenco Marques as it was called then) every year. Last year the port handled only 906,000 tons, or 13 per cent of the pre-1975 level.

Renamo insurgents have seriously disrupted the central food-growing provinces of Tete and Zambezia. Many peasant farmers are afraid to till their fields, and others have taken refuge in squatter settlements on the fringes of the larger towns. Transport and marketing systems have broken down.

The Government estimates that about 30 per cent of the rural population are now facing a serious food shortage, sharply up from the estimate of 1,850,000 only a year ago.

It calculates that existing stocks, food aid and domestic production will only be able to meet about 35 per cent of the 715,000 tons of food grain that will be needed over the next 12 months, leaving a gap of about 465,500 tons of maize, wheat and rice to be filled.

The Government has broken up and re-organized some of the large and inefficient state farms, and is trying to encourage private agricultural production. In May last year it de-regulated the prices of a wide range of agricultural goods and raised the official prices on others to successfully increase output.

Attempts are also being made to increase the supply of basic consumer goods which peasant farmers can buy in exchange for their produce in rural areas. There is otherwise little incentive for them to grow a marketable surplus.

Similar moves are being made in the industrial sector with a number of state-run industrial plants being sold to private operators. Businesses are now allowed to retain a portion of their hard currency earnings for reinvestment.

Foreign development of Mozambique's rich, but almost entirely unexploited, mineral resources is also being encouraged. Billions of dollars worth of coal, titanium, tantalum, copper, bauxite, graphite, phosphate, marble, gemstones and possibly uranium and diamonds are locked in the ground. But these riches can only be tapped when the war ends.

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From Diana Cole
Paris

WORLD SUMMARY

ANC woman guilty of treason

Johannesburg – A white woman, Miss Marion Sparg, aged 28, was convicted of treason and arson in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday. She joins a handful of other whites who have been found guilty of this offence in recent years (Michael Hornsby writes).

Sentence is expected to be passed on Miss Sparg either today or later this week. The maximum penalty for treason is execution by hanging, though it is rarely imposed unless the acts of treason cause death. A long prison term is likely.

Miss Sparg, a former journalist, admitted being a member of Umkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation), the guerrilla arm of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC), which has always had a small number of whites among its members.

She also confessed to having placed limpet mines in the lavatories of three police stations earlier this year, and to having petrol-bombed the premises of the Progressive Federal Party (PFP), the liberal anti-apartheid opposition in the white chamber of parliament, in 1981.

Boy of five shot by a two-year-old

Chicago (AP) – A boy aged five taking a bath at his grandparent's home was shot in the head and critically wounded by a two-year-old friend who found a pistol in a dresser drawer, police said.

Alpha Thompson was in a critical condition at a Chicago hospital. He and his brother, Martell, aged eight, were visiting their grandparents' apartment when the accident occurred, police said.

Brendan Bell, who was also visiting the boys' grandparents, found a .38-calibre handgun in a bedroom drawer. It went off in the bathroom.

Oil clue at trial

Dubai (Reuter) - A police expert testifying at the murder trial of two young Britons said oil in their car was similar to the oil on the shirt of an Indian they are charged with running over and killing.

Mark Spalding, aged 19, of Jarrow, and Michael Brown, aged 22, of Sutton Coldfield, are accused of murdering Kania Brasuil Jouhat, an Indian security guard at a seaside housing compound near Dubai, on June 16.

Tamils say no

Delhi – Sri Lankan Tamil extremist groups based in India have rejected Sri Lankan government proposals for settling the continuing ethnic conflict in the north and east of the island republic (Michael Hamlyn writes).

At a meeting with the chief minister of the Indian state of Tamil Nadu, where the militants find shelter, the five groups formally gave their reasons for finding the proposals unacceptable.

Oslo crisis

Oslo (Reuter) – Norway, hit by falling oil prices, is gripped by a national budget crisis after political parties failed to agree on state expenditure for 1987, officials said.

Protracted negotiations between the minority Labour Government and opposition parties have failed to produce a majority for the Government's budget proposals.

Killer chemical

Basle (Reuter) – A toxic chemical released after a blast at a Rhine-side chemical plant at Schweizerhalle, near here, is advancing down the Rhine, killing thousands of fish.

But officials said the people of Basle and those living over the border in France and West Germany were in no immediate danger.

98 die in air crash

Tehran (Reuter) – An Iranian Army transport plane crashed into mountains near Zahedan in south-eastern Iran, killing all 98 people on board, the national news agency Irna said.

It said the C130 Hercules, carrying 91 soldiers and officers of the 88th armoured division and seven crew members, crashed minutes before landing at Zahedan airport because of "technical failure".

Several bodies were pulled from the wreckage and the search for other victims continued. The plane had been flying from Bakhtaran in western Iran to Zahedan.

Israeli press pillories missing nuclear 'spy'

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Having largely ignored the story for a month, Israeli newspapers yesterday indulged in a positive orgy of character assassination on Mr Mordechai Vanunu, the nuclear technician who told *The Sunday Times* Israel had built its own nuclear arsenal.

Considerable time and research by all the main newspapers have obviously gone into building up a dossier on his past. Along with pictures of him at pro-Palestinian rallies and stories of him posing in the nude as an artist's model was editorial comment branding him as a traitor. There is no sign of investigation into whether Mr Vanunu was abducted from Britain to stand secret trial for crimes which here still carry the death penalty.

The independent *Ma'ariv* said: "It is especially funny to read all these stories in the British press, a country where just about every year a spy of much higher calibre than Vanunu is exposed . . . nor are we moved by the fact, even if it is a totally unrealistic guess, that someone took the trouble to bring Vanunu to Israel. If that did happen, we say 'Well done' , and we don't give a hoot whether he was brought legally or by subterfuge, by sea or by air, alive or dead."

His college contemporaries describe him as having always been involved in extreme left-wing politics, with Communist leanings.

Saddest of all are interviews with Mr Vanunu's elderly parents, strictly Orthodox Jews, who say they have had nothing to do with their son since he left the Army. "Ten years ago he broke off contact with the family," his father said. "He has mocked all the values we raised him in."

If the collective picture of Mr Vanunu's background is correct then it is amazing that he was able to obtain a job at the nuclear centre. This points to a serious breakdown in screening by security services.

Although official sources here continue to deny any knowledge of Mr Vanunu's whereabouts, it is clear that if he is suddenly "discovered" in an Israeli prison there will be no public outcry on his behalf.

US silent on Beirut release details

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The White House maintained a determined silence yesterday on the details of the release of Mr David Jacobsen, saying it would not prejudice the continuing efforts to free the other American hostages.

Mr Donald Regan, the chief of staff, said that Syria had played "a minimal" role, adding that the French were not part of the deal at all.

On Sunday he strongly attacked Syria for its support of terrorism, and gave a warning that the US might take military action if Damascus continued this.

"I don't say it will be, but it could be," he said. "We can take other steps and will if they continue to adopt these positions of terrorism."

He said that the negotiations for the release of the American hostages had been going on for several months, but he refused to talk about them until all had been released.

He repeated the White House insistence that the US had not and would not give in to terrorist demands.

His surprisingly tough statements on Syria, including "hopes" that the European Community would give greater support to Britain's call for diplomatic and related measures against Syria, suggest that Washington does not feel in any way beholden to President Assad.

The White House mention on Sunday of "various parties and intermediaries" is presumed to refer to those who have contacted the Islamic Jihad and other captor groups whose main loyalty is to Tehran. American criticism of Iran has been muted in recent months.

Mr Regan insisted that the US would still condemn Syria as a source of terrorism.

The Administration is calling for firmer international backing for Britain's tough line against Damascus.

Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, is expected to take this up with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, in Vienna tomorrow and on Thursday.

The Soviet Union, which had a treaty of friendship with Syria, has strongly criticized Britain and the US over Britain's break of diplomatic relations.

Public opinion here has been fiercely critical of France for its refusal to support Mrs Thatcher over Syria.

Released hostage comforts families

From Robert Fisk
Larnaca, Cyprus

David Jacobsen savoured freedom for the first time in 17 months on the tarmac of Larnaca airport yesterday but he did so alone, expressing sadness that his two fellow American hostages remained in captivity in Lebanon.

Even Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, seemed to have anticipated the greater victory and he left it to Dr Jacobsen, haggard and unshaven, to comfort the families of those who were left behind.

The director of the American University Hospital in Beirut spoke slowly but with resolution. "I would like to just give you (the families) a message – a message that served me well," he said. "It is the last verse of the 27th Psalm . . . 'I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord and the land of the living. Trust in the Lord. Have faith. Do not despair. Trust in the Lord because there is goodness'."

The hostages have been living on such prayers. "Keep faith," said Dr Jacobsen. "The guys will get out because of guys like Terry Waite."

Mr Waite, who visited Beirut three times last Christmas to negotiate with the Islamic Jihad kidnappers, sat next to Dr Jacobsen at yesterday's press conference. He said only that he hoped to return to the Middle East "in a day or two".

This did not prevent Dr Jacobsen's eulogy. "It really is a great pleasure to see this guy here," he said. Mr Waite's mission to Beirut last Christmas, although unsuccessful, "gave us hope, he gave us hope that we would be free men again". He added: "And we love this guy."

Mr Waite tut-tutted at this effusion. But the spotlight at Larnaca had fallen – as perhaps it was supposed to fall – upon Mr Waite and his new ward, rather than upon the difficult political negotiations between the US, Syria and Iran to free the hostages and upon the concessions which this will have necessitated.

Nobody yesterday spoke of the weekend evacuation of American embassy staff from East Beirut or of the fact that it was – to use the expression of an American spokesman – "intertwined" with the hostages' release.

Dr Jacobsen took the opportunity of yesterday's press conference to declare his pride in his country and in President Reagan's Government – despite his bitter criticism of the US Administration in a video-taped appeal which his captors released a month ago.

Dr Jacobsen made it clear he had not believed what he had said. "... I'm darned proud to be an American," he said. "I'm proud of the American Government and the American governmental employees, and I would also hope that all Americans would be proud of our Government also."

But, he added: "My thoughts are of Terry Anderson and Tom Sutherland. My sadness that they are not here is deep."

Dr Jacobsen, who sported a beard despite the Lebanese witnesses to his liberation in Beirut who claimed he was clean-shaven, insisted on his own good health. "Anybody want to challenge me to a six-mile jaunt around this airport?" he asked.

Paris rules out deal

The French Interior Minister, M Charles Pasqua, said yesterday that there was no question of freeing the suspected guerrilla chief Georges Ibrahim Abdallah as part of a deal to prevent a new campaign of bombings in Paris.

Abdallah, suspected leader of the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Factions (FARL), is due to go on trial in February for complicity in the 1982 murder of an American military attaché and an Israeli diplomat.

The remains of an unknown British soldier, believed one of the first casualties of the battle of Germantown in the American War of Independence, being laid to rest with full military honours in Philadelphia at the weekend. He was a sentry of the 52nd British Infantry, killed in an attack on October 4, 1777. His body was discovered by workmen rebuilding a post office.

Embassies fight KGB bugging

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

Western embassies in Moscow have stepped up their costly and long-running struggle against illegal surveillance by the KGB following last week's discovery of more than 30 microphones in the the Swedish Embassy.

One Western diplomat said: "The question that constantly needs checking is whether the technology and skills of our experts are ahead of theirs in a field where they have plenty of practice."

Like all Western embassies here, the Swedes are careful to conduct their most sensitive diplomatic exchanges in a special "saferoom".

But because of the intensity of efforts by the KGB to monitor conversations inside embassies (in strict contravention of the 1961 Vienna Convention enshrining the sanctity of diplomatic missions), doubts are harboured about the extent to which conversation is really secure.

"I was surprised the Swedes were able to state with such conviction that none of their secrets had been compromised, although the bugs had been in place for 14 years," said one diplomat.

East-West troop reduction talks

Whitehall fears Soviet ploy

From Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent, Vienna

The British Government fears that the Warsaw Pact is preparing to "move the goal posts" in the long-deadlocked Vienna talks on East-West troop reductions.

A speech tomorrow by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, will be closely sifted for clues to the Pact's intentions.

British officials in Whitehall and Vienna suspect that the Soviet Union hopes to avoid accepting essential verification procedures on troop reductions by a switch of forum.

They believe the Soviet tactic is to bring the 19-nation Mutual Balanced-Force Reduction talks (MBFR) to a close without conceding Western demands, and to shift the focus to the 35-nation CSCE forum (European Conference on Security and Co-operation).

Such a move would strengthen British suspicions that Warsaw Pact overtures for sweeping troop cuts "from the Atlantic to the Urals" are mainly a negotiating ploy.

Whitehall sources say that this would reinforce the Government's concern to keep strategic arms cuts within moderation. American proposals at Reykjavik to eliminate ballastic missiles over 10 years would leave Western Europe dangerously exposed if Soviet intentions on troop cuts remain in doubt, they believe. The Warsaw Pact's moves in the MBFR forum are now seen as the litmus test by which the Kremlin's sincerity on wider disarmament issues should be judged.

The MBFR sticking point is the Nato demand for 25 ground inspections of Warsaw Pact garrisons plus five air inspections annually. The Kremlin argues against automatic inspections but would allow the West to request visits to garrisons to check suspicions of non-compliance.

British officials point out that the West will never be in a position to make a case for such an inspection without far more detailed information from the Soviet side.

"If the Soviets are serious about troop reductions they have no good reason to refuse the current proposals," said a Whitehall source.

Nato and Warsaw Pact ambassadors have met twice a week through 40 rounds of talks spread over 13 years. Today's routine informal meeting coincides with the opening in Vienna of the third review of the CSCE process begun in Helsinki in 1975.

Technically the two are unrelated, MBFR being a straight Warsaw Pact-Nato forum while CSCE includes non-alligned nations.

The first hint of a switch accompanied the "Budapest appeal" in June, in which the Pact's political consultative committee proposed reductions of one million men by the 1990s.

The appeal included a suggestion that the forum should be either MBFR or a CSCE spin-off called CDE (Conference on Confidence and Security Building Measures and Disarmament in Europe).

The successful Stockholm talks on advance notification of military exercises were held under the CDE umbrella.

When Mr Shevardnadze met Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, in June, he expressed a wish to end MBFR but did not suggest an outcome.

A third clue emanated from the Bucharest meeting of Warsaw Pact foreign ministers last month. This suggested that the Vienna CSCE review should initiate a CDE conference to discuss the Budapest appeal.

British diplomats believe that Mr Shevardnadze will use his CSCE speech tomorrow to press the Budapest appeal further.

Bonn keen to lessen 'Goebbels' backlash

From Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent
Vienna

A damage-limitation exercise was under way last night to heal the rift between Bonn and Moscow caused by the reporting of Chancellor Kohl's analogy between Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, and Dr Josef Goebbels, the Nazi propaganda chief.

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, may today come into contact with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, his Soviet counterpart, when the two attend the third review meeting of the European Conference on Security and Co-operation (CSCE) in Vienna. Last night Bonn officials were trying to ensure that any meeting between them would lessen the embarrassment.

Herr Genscher, leader of the small West German Free Democrat Party, is due to chair this afternoon's conference session. One of the speakers under his chairmanship will be Sir Geoffrey Howe, the British Foreign Secretary, who will no doubt want to assist the West Germans.

The American magazine *Newsweek* reported that Herr Kohl last month said of Mr Gorbachov: "He is a modern Communist leader who understands public relations. Goebbels was an expert in public relations too".

The impact of these remarks did not become clear until Saturday when Moscow cancelled a visit planned by Herr Heinz Riesenhuber, the West German Research Minister, during which he was to have signed a bilateral agreement on nuclear power safeguards.

This was followed by the cancellation of a two-day visit to Moscow by Herr Berthold Witte, a senior West German cultural official.

● WIESBADEN: Herr Kohl's unfortunate comparison of Mr Gorbachov with Dr Goebbels will have a stormy echo in the Bonn parliament this week (John England writes).

The German leader has said he regrets his remark, but the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) – with a federal election due in January – are baying for his blood. They are to make his gaffe their main issue in the Bundestag debate on Thursday.

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Albanian Party Congress

Hoxha memory lives on in call for 'iron unity'

From Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

The new party leader, Mr Ramiz Alia, has set the tone of the Albanian Communist Party Congress in Tirana by pledging unswerving commitment to the ideals of the late leader, Mr Enver Hoxha, and by calling upon Albanians to show "iron unity".

The Congress is to place most emphasis on the economy and a five-year plan whose targets are industrial growth of almost 40 per cent and a boost to agricultural output by more than 30 per cent.

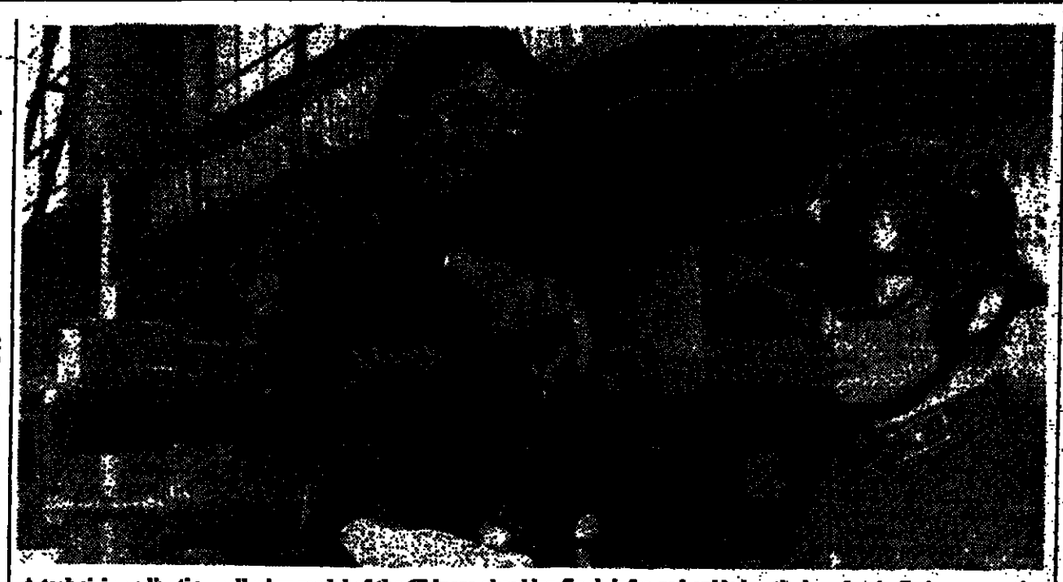
Shortly before the congress started, Mr Alia made it clear that there will be no change in Albania's economic outlook on foreign trade and that while ideology will not be a barrier to trade with the outside world, Albania would not take loans or credits.

Albania's Constitution forbids it to take credits outside, a point reaffirmed at the congress, just as the Albanian party pledged itself not to re-establish relations with its "arch enemies" — the Soviet Union which remains "a social imperialist power" and the United States which remains "an imperialist power".

Mr Alia does not seem to have any serious rivals in the leadership; Mr Hoxha, before he died, liquidated all the potential rivals. Again Mr Alia seems to have struck an alliance with the late leader's widow, Nexmia, who is obviously the power behind the scenes and who has recently been elevated to head the Democratic Front.

Therefore, no significant personnel changes are likely to emerge from the congress, although there are signs that Mr Alia may have serious problems in the economy and in introducing modest changes.

In fact, he spoke of a "harmful metaphysical idea that there is no need for changes". By this, he obviously intends to introduce modest stimulants to exert more work discipline and greater production.



A technician adjusting a display model of the Chinese shoulder-fired, infra-red guided anti-aircraft missile in preparation for the Asian defence technology exhibition which opens in Peking today.

Tirana drags itself onward

From Roger Boyes
East Europe Correspondent

Albania, the most isolated and backward country in Europe, yesterday tried unconvincingly to look to the future as its well-disciplined Stalinist Communist Party met to chart the course of the next five years.

It is the first party congress since the death last year of Mr Enver Hoxha, but the writ of the old leader is still holy and the new party chief, Mr Ramiz Alia, is changing direction only gradually.

Outside the Congress Hall, the extraordinary country which broke away from the Warsaw Pact in 1968, resembles a Ruritanian principedom.

There are almost no cars; those that exist were donated by the Chinese in the 1950s and now, patched together with rope and random metal patches, they crawl the empty roads like top heavy insects.

There are no traffic lights; none needed for the horse-drawn carts with rubber tyres.

On each street corner there are wall-posters of Marx, Engels, Lenin and, most strikingly, Josef Stalin. Instead of road signs at crossroads, there are quotations from the large collected works of Hoxha.

As fringe Stalinist groups in the West sometimes point out, Albania, which has stayed true to Stalin, is a country with no taxes, no terrorism, no rich, no poor, no divorce, no drugs, no standing army, no foreign debt, no unemployment and no inflation.

One might add to this: no working churches (religious are banned), no beards (foreign decadence) and no private motoring.

But travellers often declare that Albanians, despite the manifold restrictions — and the unpleasant lurking presence of the Sigurimi, the secret police — are not visibly unhappy. They lounge gracefully in cafés during working hours, most houses now have electricity and television antennae litter rooftops.

But there is pressure for change. The average age of the three million Albanians is 26 and at least some of them want the country to be more than a simple exporter of rare raw materials like chrome. Mr Alia listens to these ramblings and differs from Hoxha in recognizing the need to seek foreign support in modernizing industry.

Whereas Hoxha was a genius at burning bridges — breaking with Yugoslavia in 1948, with "revisonist" Moscow after the death of Stalin, with the Warsaw Pact after the invasion of Czechoslovakia and with China in the 1970s — Mr Alia has given a high-level reception to East German officials and encouraged trade agreements with other Soviet Bloc members like Poland.

China puts its defence hardware on display

From Our Own Correspondent, Peking

A Chinese infantry fighting vehicle with a Vickers gun turret and an American Bushmaster gun stands in front of the China Pavilion at Peking's International Exhibition Centre ready to receive hordes of admirers at the Asian defence technology exhibition, which opens today.

While the Chinese capital has hosted other defence exhibitions in recent years, this one is different. It is the first time that China has publicly shown some of the naval vessels, missiles and armoured vehicles that it sells.

"The Chinese are far more accommodating and open about their own equipment, and far more inquisitive about ours than they were two years ago," a visiting British defence analyst said.

A total of 158 companies from 12 countries will be attempting to sell their wares. Some 1,000 pieces of military hardware will be displayed, with 400 of that total Chinese.

Britain, Canada, China, France and Italy each have large pavilions. The United States and West Germany have mounted smaller presentations.

Among the British firms represented at the exposition are Vickers, Marconi, Plessey, Racal, Thorn EMI and Westland Helicopters.

On display in the China Pavilion are Long March III rockets, battalion command vehicles, self-propelled rockets, missiles, hand guns, mortars, troop carriers, range finders and other optical instruments, as well as models of submarines and guided missile frigates.

Mr Ling's piece of the action

Factory 'owners' thrive in Shenyang

From Robert Grieves, Shenyang

Shenyang's new status as China's laboratory of economic reform is well illustrated by the leasing of ailing factories to individuals. That is the kind of entrepreneurialism that has not been seen in China since before 1949.

Mr Ling Fanzhou, aged 43, was, until recently, the assistant engineer and manager of the Shenyang Auto Fuel Pump Factory. Today he is still the assistant engineer and manager of the factory. But now he owns a piece of the action, has invested 40,000 yuan (£7,500) in plant expansion, and runs the plant the way he thinks it should be run.

"There are things that I have wanted to do here, but never had the chance to do. This is a good opportunity for me," said Mr Ling, a slightly-built, bespectacled man.

Before Mr Ling leased the plant, "workers were not making any money, the plant was not making money, and production was poor". Communist Party chiefs at the plant held meetings when they wished without consulting Mr Ling, frequently disrupting production.

"Now," said Mr Ling, "the workers come to me and ask when they can have a party meeting."

The factory is still owned by the municipality. But the city has, in effect, leased it to Mr Ling on the basis of a three-year contract; for 60,000 yuan in 1984, for 80,000 yuan last year, and for 120,000 yuan this year. If Mr Ling could not prevent production from falling, he would have been personally liable for some of the deficit and his lease would not be renewed.

As it happens, Mr Ling has done very well for everyone concerned. Three years ago the plant's production value totalled 920,000 yuan, with a net profit of 46,000 yuan. In the first year of his stewardship output rose to 1,320,000 yuan, with a net profit of 84,000 yuan. Last year the production value rose to 1,920,000 yuan, with a net profit of 405,000 yuan.

The annual incomes of the plant's 143 workers increased from 804 yuan in 1983 to 1,200 yuan last year. "The workers have become more active, and their living standards have improved," observed Mr Ling.

But last year's 405,000 yuan net profit attracted industrial income taxes (at a 55 per cent rate) and other expenses. A four-storey addition to the plant is being built at a cost of 1.2 million yuan. Mr Ling has invested 40,000 yuan of that figure. The city and factory are matching that loan. But Mr Ling is not doing badly. His income last year amounted to 40,000 yuan, or more than £8,000.

With the expansion will come more workers, doubling the workforce to 300. "We have to strengthen our plant administration, our marketing skills, and our product quality," said Mr Ling.

Mr Ling has also won the right to hire and fire employees if they do a bad job. That would not have been tolerated under the old system.

The examples of Shenyang's economic reforms inevitably give rise to two questions: Why Shenyang? Why now? Shanghai, the country's traditional industrial base, has begin experimenting with a stock market, but has done little else that Shenyang is attempting.

Some observers argue that Shenyang's relative quiet has made for better observation of such economic experiments. "Shanghai is a big coastal city, and the coastal cities are not really China," a Western diplomat said. "The central Government wanted to see if the interior of the country could support such reforms."

The prime reason, however, appears to be personal connections at the government level. Mr Li Changchun, aged 43, the acting governor of Liaoning province, was formerly mayor of Shenyang. It is Mr Li, said city officials, who has spearheaded the economic reform movement in the city.

"He called us into his office today and gave a spirited talk on what we must do to advance the reforms," one official said. "He asked us to press forward." If Mr Li and others, such as Mr Wu Disheng, the Mayor of Shenyang, succeed, their careers at the national level would be made. They cannot fail to know that Mr Zhao Ziyang, China's Premier, forged his reputation carrying out agricultural reforms in Sichuan Province.

But these young, so-called "third generation" leaders (after Mr Deng Xiaoping, who is a first, or Long March generation leader, and Mr Zhao, who is a second generation leader), know they must tread carefully. Any mistakes on their part would end their political careers and mark a setback for Mr Deng's supporters in Peking.

For that reason Mr Ling is a party member, and his factory is owned by the Shenyang government.

"Peking cannot let just anyone try out these new ideas," said a Western diplomat. "And they cannot let a nationally-owned factory risk failure. But they are starting down an interesting road. Where it ends remains to be seen."

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China's economic laboratory
Part 2

Madrid praise for Basques

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

Señor José Barrionuevo, the Spanish Interior Minister, broke through a barrier of suspicion yesterday to praise the "efficiency" of the Basque autonomous police force which rescued a local industrialist on Sunday from his ETA kidnappers after 18 days in captivity.

The Minister was in Vitoria for the funeral of Genaro Garcia Andoain, the political head of the Basque police, who was killed when his men stormed the mountain cave ETA used as a prison.

The rescue operation, supervised personally by Genaro Andoain, was the first time the Basque autonomous police has battled out a kidnapping on its own.

They were helped to locate the ETA hideout by a local phone call. The action was of significance for the whole Basque question.

For the Basque Government the "baptism of fire" of its police force represented a boost for the long-standing demand that devolution means Spain's national police handing over responsibility for security matters in the region.

Genaro Andoain, aged 64, was machine-gunned to death as one of the three ETA men guarding Señor Lucio Agjinagalde, aged 69, the industrialist, came out defying an order to surrender.

The two other members of the prison commando were arrested, but the third, the presumed killer, escaped into the mountains.

The action comes only 10 days before campaigning in the Basque general election opens. It could help the Basque Nationalist Party, in power until now, while depriving the Socialists, who are challenging it, of exclusive claims to the law and order vote.

Interrogating the two captured men led yesterday to the discovery of an ETA arms cache nearby.

Burst pipe blamed for blast

Vienna (Reuter) — Bulgaria yesterday blamed a lack of safety checks for an explosion that killed 17 people at the country's biggest chemical complex.

An article in the trade union daily newspaper *Trud*, said preliminary investigations suggested that Saturday's accident had been caused by a ruptured pipe at the plant at Devnya, near Varna.

18 executions

Washington (AP) — Eighteen prison inmates were executed in the United States in 1985, bringing the number of executions to 50 since capital punishment was reinstituted nearly a decade ago, the Government reported.

Suspect killed

Delhi (Reuter) — Punjab police have shot dead a Sikh extremist wanted for the massacre of 13 bus passengers in Muktsar on July 25.

Muslims held

Cairo (Reuter) — More than 100 Muslim extremists were arrested during a clash between police and fundamentalist groups in Asyut in which one person died.

Hydrofoil fire

Buenos Aires (Reuter) — At least four people died and 14 were missing after a hydrofoil caught fire and capsized between the Uruguayan port of Colonia and Buenos Aires.

11 saved

Hong Kong (Reuter) — A military helicopter rescued 11 children from a boat stranded on a mud bank after they were deserted by smugglers bringing them to Hong Kong from China.

Pet spared

Brisbane (Reuter) — A farmer aged 68 had an arm amputated after being bitten by his pet crocodile, but the reptile was spared at his request and sent to a zoo.

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Karachi curfew extended as 34 die in rioting

Karachi (Reuter) – Pakistani troops extended a three-day-old curfew into new districts of Karachi yesterday after a night raid by one ethnic community on another which took the death toll from four days of rioting to at least 34.

Witnesses said that soldiers swept into six new districts in jeeps yesterday morning, announcing the restriction over loudspeakers.

The riots have paralysed economic activity in Karachi. More than half the city is under curfew and troops, who have shoot-on-sight orders, have killed at least three offenders.

Schoolchildren and students have stayed away from classes and examinations have been postponed. Residents said some areas of the sprawling city had begun to run short of vegetables and meat.

Hospital doctors said six people were killed in a raid soon after midnight yesterday in the suburb of Orangi Town, making a total of at least 28 dead in Karachi. Another six were killed in Hyderabad, 110 miles to the east.

Witnesses said that at least three jeep-loads of heavily-armed Pathans sprayed bullets and set houses on fire in an area occupied mainly by Mojahir immigrants from Bihar. Doctors at a nearby hospital reported six dead and 15 wounded.

The riots broke out on Friday after a gun battle between Pathans and a procession of Mohajirs, migrants to Pakistan from other parts of former British India.

The two communities have clashed frequently over the past 20 years as the Mohajirs campaigned to end what they saw as discriminatory work and education quotas and preferential treatment accorded to other ethnic groups.

The official news agency APP said the Prime Minister, Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, had directed a delegation of National Assembly deputies to visit Karachi to try to stop the ethnic feuding.

● **Politician arrested:** Mumtaz Ali Bhutto, a leading politician and cousin of the executed Prime Minister Mr Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, said yesterday he had been arrested.

He told Reuters by telephone that he was being taken to Karachi's central jail under a 90-day detention order.

Police said they also had arrested Mr Bhutto's son-in-law, Rizwan Kehr, a politician from Hyderabad, and had a warrant for the former Justice Minister, Mr Abdul Hafiz Pirzada, who left the city earlier yesterday.

Mr Bhutto and Mr Pirzada, who held cabinet posts under Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in the 1970s, returned from Britain five months ago to form a pressure group to champion the three smaller of Pakistan's four provinces.

● **Quetta arrest:** Malik Mohammad Yousaf Pir Alizai, a former provincial minister of Baluchistan, was arrested in Quetta on Sunday in connection with an armed clash between rival groups in Quetta on last Wednesday (Hassan Akhtar writes). More than a dozen people are reported to have been arrested.

The Quetta clash was said to be the worst in many years in Baluchistan's capital between the Baluch and the indigenous Pathan population.

The Government imposed a curfew in most of the city to control rioting which reportedly has claimed up to 10 lives.

Families demand the release of Seoul students

Seoul – South Korea's most wanted radical student, Kim Sin, the man suspected of masterminding last week's Seoul campus occupation, eluded capture by jogging through riot police lines in a tracksuit, police sources said yesterday (Reuter, AFP report).

On Tuesday, Mr Kim, aged 22, was elected head of a "National Student Struggle Committee Against Dictatorship and Foreign Forces" during a rally grouping leftist students from 26 Seoul colleges in the grounds of Konkuk University.

When police dispersed the demonstrators, Mr Kim is alleged to have led more than 1,000 students in occupying five campus buildings. They held out until Friday, when 7,000 police with helicopters, tear gas and water cannon ended their defiance. By this time, however, Mr Kim was long gone.

The authorities announced yesterday that 1,274 dissident students have been formally arrested for involvement in last week's violent university protests. Yesterday, some 50 family members of arrested students marched around Myongdong Cathedral in the capital (above) with a banner demanding "Free all students arrested at Konkuk University".

Some 4,000 people attended a 20th anniversary meeting yesterday of the Catholic Farmers' Association at the cathedral.

About 800 policemen were positioned around the cathedral and police asked the Catholic Church to make sure the meeting was a purely religious event.

Despite a warning of harsh punishment for any illegal activities, some participants raised their fists and chanted anti-Government and anti-US slogans after a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Stephan Souhwan Kim. The meeting broke up peacefully.

Police said the Catholic Farmers' Association, based in the southern provincial city of Taejon, issued invitations to tens of thousands of dissidents and trouble-makers and had prepared anti-Government placards for the meeting.

The authorities were alarmed because the meeting was sponsored by an umbrella dissident group and the slogan put forward was "Towards the Liberation of Farmers and Unification (of the Korean peninsula)".

Cardinal Kim, who returned to Seoul from Rome on Sunday, said he was very disturbed by the current political situation and called publicly for the first time for a meeting between President Chun and opposition leaders Mr Kim Dae Jung and Mr Kim Young Sam.

Bourguiba party wins all seats

Tunis (Reuter) – President Bourguiba's ruling party, challenged by 15 independents only, won all 125 seats in Tunisia's general election, official returns published yesterday revealed.

The vote was boycotted by opposition groups, some of whom accused the authorities of artificially boosting turnout figures.

The official TAP news agency published figures saying that the Parti Socialiste Destourien (PSD), allied with trade union and other national organizations in a "Patriotic Union", won a vote of confidence with the turnout ranging between 75 and 93 per cent.

The new National Assembly is elected for a five-year term. The PSD also won all the seats in the last election.

But two opposition leaders queried the official reports of a high turnout. "They are too high. That's certain," Mr Mohamed Belhadj Amor, the leader of the recognized Popular Unity Party (PUP), said.

He estimated turnout at about half the official figures in four districts his party monitored.

Opposition parties boycotted Sunday's vote because of disqualification of their candidates in key districts, arrests of supporters and bans on their publications.

Gandhi restores state democracy

From Our Own Correspondent, Delhi

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, has begun the third year of his rule by finally hammering out a compromise to restore democratic government to the northernmost state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr Farooq Abdullah, who was deposed as Chief Minister by a split in his party, the National Conference, which was engineered by Mrs Indira Gandhi in 1984, has been persuaded to assume power at the head of a coalition government with Mr Gandhi's Congress Party.

Dr Farooq, son of the old Lion of Kashmir, Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah, has been pressing for new elections following the dismissal of the turncoat government that succeeded him.

That government, led by his brother-in-law, Mr G. M. Shah, who regarded himself as the Sheikh's political heir, was removed after proving incompetent to deal with a rapidly rising wave of fundamentalism in the mainly-Muslim Kashmir Valley.

Now the compromise envisages that elections will be held in March or April next year, with the coalition government holding power until then.

Under the terms of the deal, Dr Farooq's national conference will have six of the posts in a 10-member Cabinet. Congress will hold the other four.

The coalition will dominate the State Assembly when it meets in Jammu City, in a few days' time.

The new Chief Minister's group consists of 32 members of the 78-member house. Congress has 25 members while Mr Shah's faction will provide the main opposition with its 16-strong group.

The new government will take power from Thursday when the ordinance imposing President's Rule on the state expires. Mr Gandhi himself will go to Jammu and to the summer capital of Srinagar on Thursday.

The Congress ministers will make odd bedfellows for Dr Farooq, who recently referred to the Congress as "insects from a dirty alley" but who has always been close to Mr Gandhi.

Unrest in West Bengal

Nepali arson mars the Festival of Light

From Michael Hamlyn, Darjeeling

Diwali, the Indian Festival of Lights, which is for the Hindu what Christmas is for the Christian, was not celebrated this year in the three hill-subdivisions of Darjeeling district.

The Gorkha National Liberation Front (GNLF), which is agitating for a separate state within India for the people of Nepali origin, banned it. Instead of lighting candles and oil lamps to decorate their homes the citizens watched across the valley as other people's houses burned.

On the eve of the festival at the weekend, Darjeeling residents lined the steep ledges and balconies of the town and gazed 20 miles into the distant hillsides where seven or eight columns of smoke rose into the sparkling mountain air.

They looked grimly, knowing that, with the onset of winter in these parts, to be without a shelter will be to die of cold.

"Nepalis have started killing Nepalis," said one Western observer.

The militants of the GNLF are trying to eradicate opposition to their campaign by attacking the houses of members and supporters of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) the ruling party in West Bengal. The CPI(M) members retaliate.

"Every day they are attacking our supporters," complained Mr Ananda Pathak, the CPI(M) MP for the town. Twelve of our people have been killed in clashes."

Mr Pathak was himself the victim of violent attack recently and dynamite has been used to try to destroy the party's offices.

"They have been fighting a fairly grim battle in areas where the CPI(M) retain some influence," said Mr G. Balagopalan, the district magistrate and chief government official in the area.

Mr Balagopalan admits that there is little he can do to prevent the outbreaks of mutual arson in the hill villages. He has imported a further two companies of paramilitary police to help guard sensitive areas and a fortnight ago issued an order that arsonists would be shot on sight.

"That worked for a short while," Mr Balagopalan said, "but then they got wise to it. The police are rarely within range."

The GNLF demand for freedom from the oppressive rule of the West Bengal government in Calcutta is playing on a deep-seated sense of persecution among the people of Nepali origin, who feel that they are not fully recognized as Indian citizens.

They have rejected proposals from the ruling party that they should be given an autonomous status within the state.

The central Government meanwhile is playing a cool game. If it can calm the Nepali passions and at the same time keep the state united there is bound to be some considerable benefit for the Congress Party in state elections early next year.

Accordingly, Mr Subash Ghising, the GNLF leader, is expecting to be invited to Delhi for talks within the next week. If he is not, a renewed campaign of boycott, strike and protest is promised.

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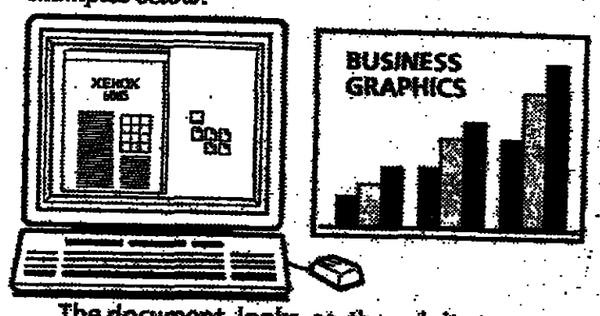

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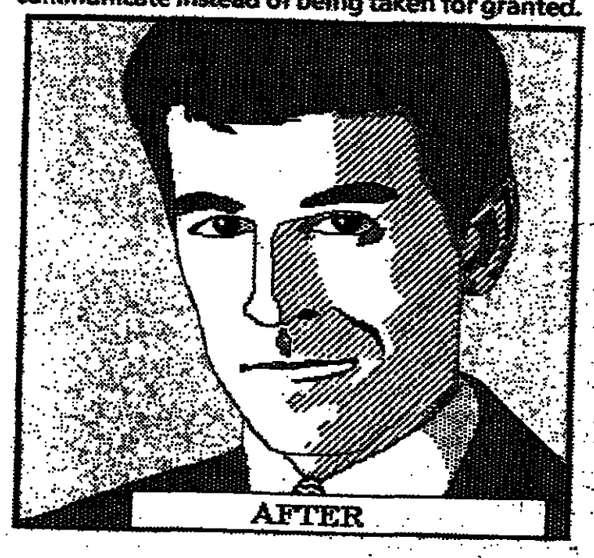

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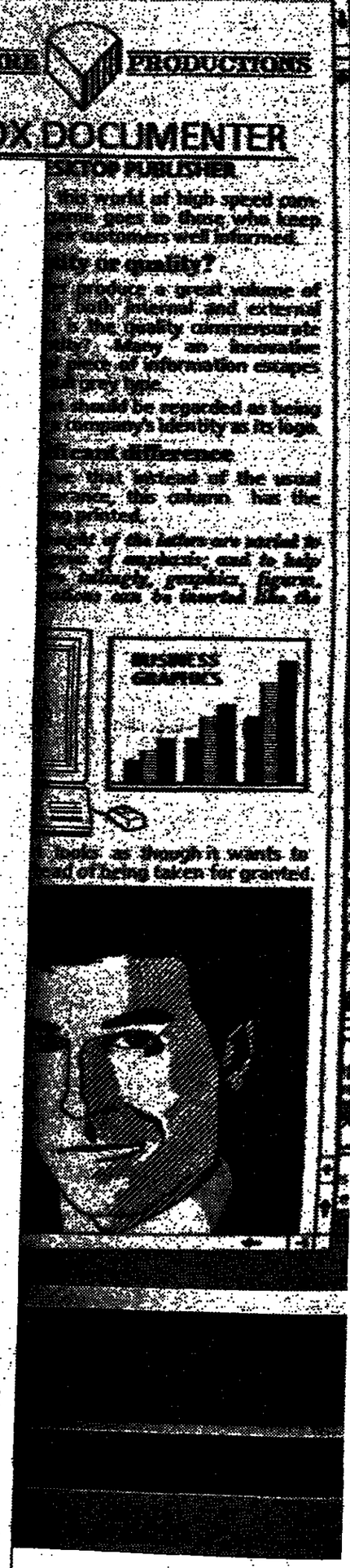

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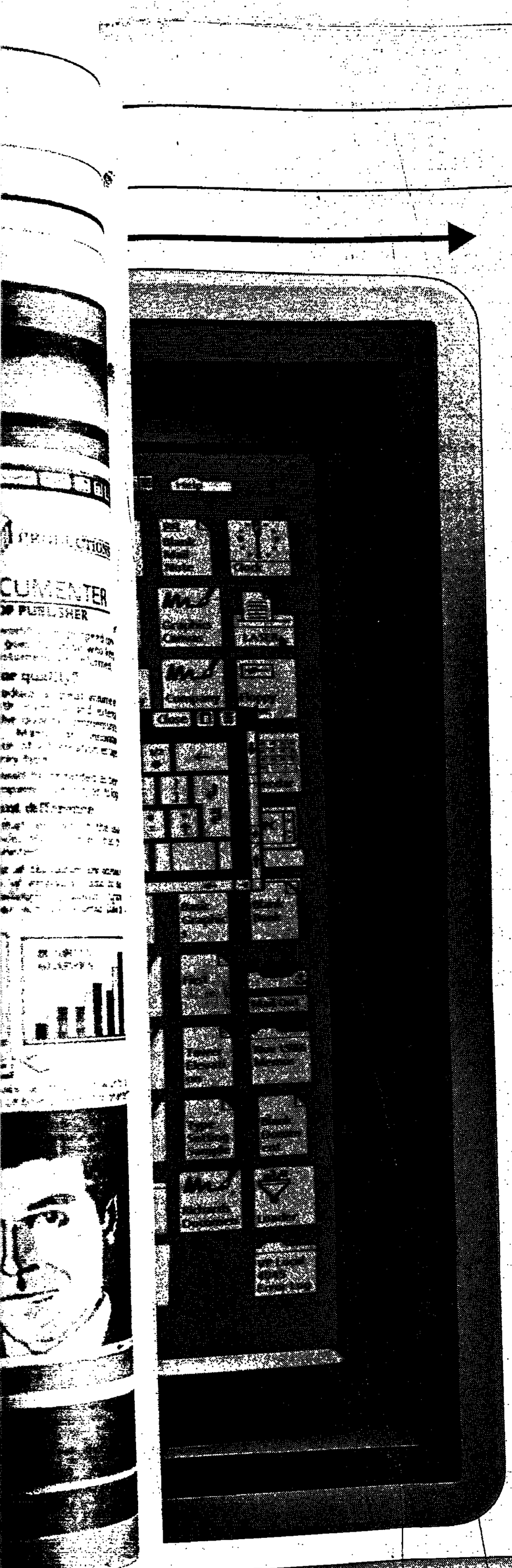

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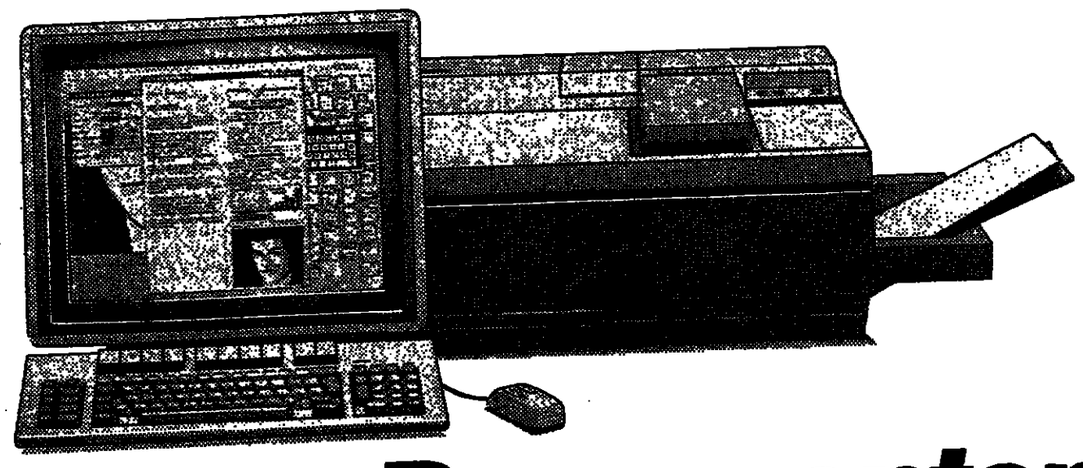

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Court of Appeal **Law Report November 4 1986** Queen's Bench

Raising responsibility issue

Regina v Campbell

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Owen

[Judgment October 31]

The words of section 2(2) of the Homicide Act 1957, providing that "it shall be for the defence to prove" diminished responsibility, not only dictated which party shouldered the burden once the issue was raised, but also left it to the defence to decide whether the issue should be raised at all.

The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing the appeal of Colin Frederick Campbell from his conviction on July 26, 1985 at Reading Crown Court (Mr Justice Kenneth Jones and a jury) of murder.

Mr Michael Burton, QC and Mr Richard Slowe (neither of whom appeared below), assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Peter Bowsher, QC and Mr William Powell for the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that at the trial it was accepted that the appellant had killed a young woman. He pleaded guilty to manslaughter by reason of provocation, but that plea was not acceptable to the prosecution.

The jury heard a consultant psychiatrist, Dr MacKeith, who was called by the defence to give evidence as to the appellant's state of mind, which it was submitted could assist the jury on the issue of provocation.

Before their Lordships it was submitted that in the light of what was said by Dr MacKeith the judge should have directed the jury to consider nbt only provocation but also diminished responsibility, even though the issue of diminished responsibility was never raised for the appellant by leading counsel below.

There was clear evidence from Dr MacKeith of an abnormality of the appellant's mind in the form of epilepsy, and on EEG examination structural abnormality of the brain was discerned.

In their Lordships' judgment it was clear that the doctor never addressed himself in his evidence to the final matter which would have to be proved by the defence in order to establish diminished responsibility, namely that the abnormality was such as substantially to impair the mental responsibility of the appellant for his acts and omissions in doing the killing.

Accordingly, when Dr MacKeith left the witness box there was not before the jury even *prima facie* evidence of the defence of diminished responsibility.

If in fact there had been *prima facie* evidence, a difficult situation could have arisen. It was unnecessary for their Lordships in this case to attempt to resolve that difficulty.

Where on the evidence a defence such as self-defence or provocation could be said to exist a judge had to leave that defence to the jury, even if it was not relied upon by those appearing for the defendant at the trial, and it was submitted that the same onus should be cast upon the trial judge if there was evidence of diminished responsibility.

However, it seemed to their Lordships that section 2(2) of the 1957 Act not only dictated which party shouldered the burden of proof once the issue was raised, but also left it to the defence to decide whether the issue should be raised at all.

As the Court of Appeal indicated in *R v Kooken* ((1981) 74 Cr App R 30, 33) this was really an optional defence, and, at least in cases where the defendant was represented by counsel, it seemed to their Lordships that the most that a trial judge should do if he detected, or thought that he detected, evidence of diminished responsibility was to point out to defence counsel, in the absence of the jury, what he had detected, so that the defence could decide whether they regarded the issue as one for the jury to consider.

The judge's knowledge of the evidence available in relation to the issue of diminished responsibility would inevitably be limited, and if he did more than their Lordships had indicated he might cause serious damage to a defence which had been put forward, without adding anything to the case.

Solicitors: Director of Public Prosecutions.

Unnecessary appeals

Regina v McEvilly

The Court of Appeal (Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Owen) reduced from nine years to six a sentence on Michael James McEvilly, a police informer, who pleaded guilty at Chelmsford Crown Court (Judge Greenwood) to four counts of robbery with 11 similar offences taken into consideration.

During submissions on October 28, Mr Brian Leary, QC, who did not appear below for the appellant, cited several authorities on sentencing supergrasses.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE asked if counsel knew whether the Chelmsford Crown Court had been provided with the *Encyclopaedia of Current Sentencing Practice*. If it had been drawn to the judge's attention, the present appeal would doubtless have been unnecessary.

Much public money was needlessly expended on unnecessary sentence appeals. Perhaps the present case would result in the Lord Chancellor's Department expediting the provision of that work to all crown court judges.

Committal order decision is final

Regina v Horseferry Road Magistrates Court, Ex parte Bernstein

Before Sir John Arnold, President

[Judgment October 28]

After making a committal order following enforcement proceedings against a father for non-payment of arrears of child maintenance, magistrates had power to review the order for committal under section 18 of the Maintenance Orders Act 1958; nevertheless the decision to make the committal order was a final decision and the magistrate should have acceded to the father's request for a case to be stated.

Sir John Arnold, President of the Family Division, sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so stated when ordering that *mandamus* should issue against Mr Eric Crowther, Horseferry Road Stipendiary Magistrate, who had refused to state a case on the application of Mr Gerald Bernstein, who had sought judicial review.

Miss Pamela Scriven for the applicant; the magistrate did not appear and was not represented.

THE PRESIDENT said that the father, now divorced from the mother, had been required to pay maintenance for his two children. Arrears amounted to about £900 and there had been enforcement proceedings on December 14, 1985. Both parents had been in person below.

The magistrate had made an order suspending the issue of a warrant of committal of the father to prison for six weeks on condition that he paid £955 before December 31, 1985.

The stipendiary magistrate had been asked to state a case. There were substantial grounds on which to appeal to the Divisional Court of the Family Division.

There was a means inquiry report which was not in court; there was the question whether the father had refused to pay the arrears or had been culpably neglectful.

There was also the question whether the stipendiary magistrate had considered the well established practice that the court would not enforce more than one year's arrears.

It appeared that the magistrate took the view that he had not come to a final decision and that there was no power to state a case until a final decision had been reached: see *Streames v Copping* ([1985] QB 920; *The Times* February 25, 1985). That was a very different case.

The decision to make the conditional committal order was a final decision notwithstanding the power to review under section 18 of the 1958 Act. The magistrate should have acceded to the request to state a case. The order of *mandamus* would issue.

Solicitors: Hallmark Carter Atkinson, Stockwell.

Corrections

In *D. S. Q. Property Co Ltd v Lotus Cars Ltd and Others* (*The Times* November 1) the first paragraph of our summary of Mr Justice Millett's judgment that Lotus Cars Ltd, a limited company incorporated and resident in Northern Ireland, was in receivership and liquidation was wrong. It was and is D. S. Q. Property Co that was incorporated and resident in N. Ireland and was now in receivership and liquidation.

In *Kininmonth v Chief Adjudication Officer* (*The Times*, October 17) all references to section 21 of the Child Care Act 1980 should have read section 21(1)(*a*).

European Law Report Strasbourg

Damages for delay in hearing extradition case

Sanchez-Reisse v Switzerland

Before W. Ganshof Van Der Meersch, President and Judges D. Bindschedler-Robert, G. Lagergren, J. Pinheiro Farinha, B. Walsh, C. Russo and R. Bernhardt

Registrar M.-A. Eissen

(Case No 4/1985/90/137)

[Judgment October 21]

When a person, against whom action was being taken with a view to extradition, requested provisional release from detention, article 5(14) of the European Convention on Human Rights required that he be provided in some way or another the benefit of an adversarial procedure and that the lawfulness of his detention be decided speedily.

Mr Sanchez-Reisse was arrested in Switzerland with a view to his extradition to Argentina. His two applications for release were rejected by the Swiss Federal Court after 31 days in one instance and 46 days in the other. He alleged a breach of article 5(4) of the Convention.

Having attempted unsuccessfully to achieve a friendly settlement, the European Commission of Human Rights drew up a report, adopted on December 13, 1984, establishing the facts and expressing the unanimous opinion that there had been a breach of article 5(4) since the requirements of procedure and speed laid down therein had not been complied with in the proceedings in question.

Article 5(4) provides: "Everyone who is deprived of his liberty by arrest or detention shall be entitled to take proceedings by which the lawfulness of his detention shall be decided speedily by a court and his release ordered if the detention is not lawful."

In its judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held as follows:

In the first place, Mr Sanchez-Reisse complained of the fact that he had not been able to apply directly to a court. Being obliged, like anyone who was detained with a view to extradition, to turn first of all to an administrative body, that is, the Federal Police Office, which examined his request for provisional release and gave an opinion thereon, he did not have, so he maintained, direct access to the judicial authority competent to hear a request by him for provisional release.

The Court considered that the intervention of the office did not impede the applicant's access to the Federal Court or limit the latter's power of review. Moreover, it might meet a legitimate concern; as extradition, by its very nature, involved a state's international relations, it was understandable that the executive should have an opportunity to express its views on a measure likely to have an influence in such a sensitive area.

In so far as the applicant's second complaint was concerned, namely that concerning the impossibility of conducting one's own defence, in the Court's view, the allegation of the applicant did not stand up to examination.

It had no basis in the actual text or article 5(4). What was more, it lost sight of the fact that Swiss law, by requiring the assistance of a lawyer, afforded an important guarantee to the person concerned by an extradition procedure.

Mr Sanchez-Reisse also alleged that he should have had an opportunity of replying to the office's opinion, which was *ex hypothesi* negative since its very existance presupposed a refusal on the part of the administrative authority to grant release.

At the same time he complained of the fact that he had not been able to appear — either as of right or on his application — before a court in order to argue the case for his release.

In his view, that was the cause of the worsening of his state of health, which was the main ground of his requests for release. The lack of any contact with a court was, he said, incompatible with the very nature of *habeas corpus*.

It was all the harsher as detention with a view to extradition afforded the detainee fewer points of reference than ordinary pre-trial detention: in Switzerland a court hearing extradition cases confined itself to reviewing compliance with the conditions of the Treaty and thus did not consider the merits of the charge.

In the Court's opinion, article 5(4) required in the present case that Mr Sanchez-Reisse be provided, in some way or another, with the benefit of an adversarial procedure.

Giving him the possibility of submitting written comments on the office's opinion would have constituted an appropriate means, but there was nothing to show that he was offered such a possibility.

The result required by article 5(4) could also have been attained if he had appeared in person before the Federal Court.

Viewed as a whole, therefore, the procedure followed did not fully comply with the guarantees afforded by article 5(4).

In so far as the length of the proceedings was concerned, the total duration of periods considered was 31 day and 46 days respectively.

The concept of "speedily" could not be defined in the abstract: the matter had to be determined in the light of the circumstances of each case.

In that connection, the extradition issue formed the backcloth to the requests for release and necessarily influenced the Federal Police Office's and subsequently the Federal Court's consideration of the matter.

Furthermore, in this area, whenever a foreign state's request for extradition did not, at the outset, appear unacceptable to the authorities of the country in which the person concerned was present, detention was the rule and release the exception.

Nevertheless, there was no reason to believe that the problem — weighing the risks of maintaining the applicant's detention and those of provisionally releasing him — had been a complex one.

More particularly, the extradition case-file had been under examination for approximately a year. The decisions in questions had therefore not been taken "speedily" within the meaning of article 5(4).

The claim for "just satisfaction" under article 50 of the Convention submitted by the applicant concerned only lawyer's fees (5,000 Swiss francs) and travel and hotel expenses (1,868 Swiss francs). The court accepted the applicant's claim.

For those reasons the court held:
1 By five votes to two that there had been a violation of article 5(4) of the Convention on account of the non-compliance with procedural guarantees;
2 By six votes to one that there had been a violation of article 5(4) on account of the failure to take decisions "speedily";
3 By six votes to one that the respondent state was to pay to the applicant 6,868 Swiss francs for costs and expenses.

THE ARTS

A jolly — and thrilling — Sabbath ritual for the three witches

Stylistic confidence

TOURING THEATRE

Macbeth
Wilde, Bracknell

After quitting Cornwall for France close on the heels of Peter Brook, the Footsbarn Theatre have been engaged in a parallel exploration of international performance styles. Last year they wound up in Australia as guests of the Perth Festival, and this production, first seen earlier this year in Perth and Adelaide, derives from their visit to the Arnhem Land aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory. The result has something in common with Kurosawa's tribal treatment of *Macbeth* in *Throne of Blood*: otherwise there are no comparisons to be drawn.

Working without a director or specified casting, the company see themselves as a story-telling collective. In this case they have cut the text to a bare two-hour narrative. The first spoken words are "A drum, a drum" — which come after an electrifying pantomime prologue. A trio of female voices intone a gentle setting of one of the sonnets, interrupted with shattering explosions of lighting and percussion, and then the masked witches tumble on in skins and feathers, dugs hanging at waist level, to enact a jolly Sabbath revel in preparation for their victim. It is thrilling, and it tells you exactly what to expect from the show.

What the company have done is to strip the text down to zero and then reflesh it from their own aural and visual resources. The acting style is that of Third World village comedy. There is no psychology or detailed character-work. People are clearly good or bad: liars and deceivers telegraph their untrustworthiness with cringing postures and rolling eyes; given a chance, everybody (especially Banquo, who puts in a set of witch's teeth to startle Macbeth) likes a joke. Upon such passages of reflective poetry as remain, the effect is disastrous. But such passages are few; and for most of the way the action develops with powerful stylistic confidence.

It is accompanied throughout by an instrumental group who produce unearthly atmospherics and extended numbers with violin, flute and prepared piano. In particular, they excel in combining fun with the sense of evil, as in the war dances, and the witches' jigs which sound like a thousand insects' wings squeaking together. Synchronized with such effects, there is an astounding flow of rhythmically lit imagery. By means of the black-on-black trick, we see Macbeth's air-drawn dagger. Lady Macbeth receives her guests in a vast display of peacock feathers which becomes a screen for secret conversations. The apparitions materialize from a huge billowing sheet, and one of the witches goes into labour to deliver the bloody child. Invention also extends to plot. In a stroke to turn the Macbeths pale with fear, the Porter notices blood on the floor.

The production can be seen this week at Warwick University's Arts Centre and at the University of East Anglia before it embarks on a tour of France.

Irving Wardle

DANCE

Page/Burrows
Riverside

The Royal Ballet's two problem choreographers provided the Dance Umbrella programme at Riverside on Sunday. I call them problems only because both have qualities more exciting than other ballet-making aspirants but have not yet entirely found how to use their talents.

Jonathan Burrows has a marvellous gift for movement but, given opportunities to mount ballets almost as soon as he left school, appeared overwhelmed. He seems to have stepped back for a fresh start and offered three short dances, genuine workshop pieces.

A duet for himself and Simon Rice to hymn-tunes played on a tinny piano was funny in its straight-faced use of minimal gestures, full of liturgical or moralizing implications. Another duet for two women briefly explored more straightforward movement. Best of all was *Squash*, in which Burrows, Liz Lauren and Sue Glasser presented a painfully intense relationship among three people, any two of whom could perhaps be happy together. This had a rare dramatic urgency and violence of movement. I would like to see Burrows and his composer, Nicholas Wilson, develop it at greater length.

Ashley Page combines an alert interest in the other arts with a dramatic approach to dance. In *"Accident" Ballroom* he presents an ambitious collage of classical, contemporary and social dancing with a bizarre and slightly sinister atmosphere, designed by Spyros Coscinas to look like a 1920s fancy-dress ball. Page has somehow obtained from the composer John-Marc Gowans a score less boring than the mediocre rock he has provided lately for several other choreographers: it is varied with strange scratchy noises and, at times, a curious wall of static sound.

The choreography contains occasional bursts of exciting movement, most notably a fast trio for Catherine Becque, Fiounala Power and Page himself. But the dancers spent much time dashing into the wings to add or remove layers of clothing, and there is a sense of intended meanings that are not made clear. Page's need is probably to attempt less in any one work: perhaps his collaboration with Harrison Birtwistle at Covent Garden next summer will help him get his act together.

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ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 3191 CC 928 8800 Tonight 7.30pm. LPO Klaus Tennstedt Bruckner: Symphony No.8.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.30 The Mikado, Tomor 7.00 last perf Aida

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 01-240 1066/1911. Stdby info 836 6903 S CC. Tickets £1-£22.50. Ballet £2-£40 (Opera). 65 Amphi seats avail on the day. Tomor 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET The Sleeping Beauty. Ballet casting info: 01 240 9815. Thur 7.30 THE ROYAL OPERA La Traviata.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916. First Call CC 24hr 7 day 240 7200. Extra Perfs: Thurs & Fri 7.30 PEKING OPERA THE MONKEY KING - 500 YEARS ON! Nov 11-15 The Old Man of Lochnagar: 01-278 0855 for further info.

THEATRES

ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913/4 CC 741 9999/836 7358/379 6433 Grp Sales 930 6123 First Call 24hr 7 day CC 240 7200 (bkg fee) NOW BOOKING TO FEB 1987 ME AND MY GIRL THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 "THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" S Express Now booking to 30 May 1987

APOLLO THEATRE 437 2663 434 3598 First Call 01-240 7200 Ticketmaster cc 379 6433 Mon-Fri 8.00 Sat 4.30 & 8.15 Thurs mats 3.00 PAUL SCOFIELD "MASTERLY" F.T. HOWARD ROLLINS "MAGNIFICENT" D.Mail I'M NOT RAPPAPORT "Wonderfully funny" D.Exp TONY AWARD BEST PLAY £3 balcony seats avail Today NOW BOOKING 1987

APOLLO VICTORIA SS 828 8665 CC 630 6262 Party Bkgs 828 6188 Ticketmaster cc 379 6433 First Call cc (24hr) 240 7200 (Bkg fee) Grp Sales 930 6123 Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0 STARLIGHT EXPRESS A MUSICAL THAT SURPASSES ANYTHING AROUND IN EVERY DIMENSION" D Exp STARLIGHT EXPRESS Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN APPLY DAILY TO BOX OFFICE FOR RETURNS Special concessions at £5 on Tues mats for senior citizens NOW BOOKING TO MARCH 1987

ALBERY 836 3878 cc 379 6565/379 6433/741 9999 Group Sales 836 3962. Eves 8pm DAVE ALLEN LIVE LIMITED LONDON SEASON

ALDWYCH 01-836 6404/0641 cc 01-379 6233/379 6433 741 9999 (no bkg fee) First Call 24hr cc 240 7200 UNA STUBBS DEREK GRIFFITHS GEOFFREY HUGHES JAMES WARWICK THE SECRET LIFE OF CARTOONS Last 2 weeks An adult comedy by Clive Barker "has everything" Allen Saddler, Gdn Directed by Tudor Davies "The audience rock with appreciative laughter" D.Tel "Slick, very funny, almost out of sight" Sue Jameson, LBC Eves 7.30 Mat Wed 2.30 Sat 5 & 8.30

AMBASSADORS 01-836 6111 cc 836 1171. First Call (24 hrs/7 days) 240 7200 (bkg fee). Eves 7.30, Wed mat 3, Sat 4 & 8 Royal Shakespeare Company's LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES "FIGHT FOR A TICKET" What's On

BARBICAN 01 628 8795/638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY BARBICAN THEATRE ton't & Fri 7.30, Sat 2.00 & 7.30 MIS-ALLIANCE Shaw's "Masterpiece, a glorious performance" Times. Tomor 7.30, Thurs 2.00 & 7.30 SCENES FROM A MARRIAGE by Feydeau "Magnificent... most enjoyable" D.Tel. THE PIT ton't & Fri 7.30, Sat 2.00 & 7.30 PRINCIPIA SCRIPTORIAE by Richard Nelson "touching, unforgettable" S.Times. Tomor 7.30, Thurs 2.00 & 7.30 THE ARCHBISHOP'S CEILING by Arthur Miller.

BOULEVARD Soho W1. 437 2661 DIRTY DISHES "Hilarious... Bizarre...Extremely Funny" (Std). Mon-Sat 8pm. Sat Mat 4.30.

COMEDY THEATRE 930 2578 CC 240 7200/379 6433/741 9999 Grps 930 6123 "A superb acting partnership" Times JOHN ALDERTON GWEN TAYLOR SUSAN PENHALIGON THE MAINTENANCE MAN A Comedy by Richard Harris "A MARITAL MASTERPIECE ...WONDERFULLY FUNNY" N of the W "The applause of rapturous recognition" D Mail "Very funny indeed" S.Exp Mon-Thu 8 Fri/Sat 5.30 & 8.30

CRITERION S 930 3216 CC 379 6565/379 6433/741 9999. Grps 836 3962. Evgs 8.00. Thu mat 2.30. Sat 5.30 & 8.30 "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" D Mail The Theatre of Comedy Company DEREK FOWLDS ROYCE MILLS ALFRED MARKS ANITA GRAHAM JACKI PIPER SAM COX RUN FOR YOUR WIFE! Written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 1,500 side-splitting perfs "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE" S Ex

COTTESLOE 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's small auditorium) Closed for maintenance until Mon. Mon 7.30 THE AMERICAN CLOCK by Arthur Miller.

DOMINION THEATRE 580 8845/9562. ALL tel CC bkgs FIRST CALL 24hr 7 day on 836 2428 NO BOOKING FEE Grp Sales 930 6123 DAVE CLARK'S TIME THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE CLIFF RICHARD AS 'THE ROCK STAR' THE PORTRAYAL OF 'AKASH' BY LAURENCE OLIVIER Mon-Fri 7.30 Thu Mat 2.30 Sat 4 & 8.15. SPECIAL CONCESSIONS at £7 all perfs except Fri & Sat eves for OAP's, UB40's, students & under 16's avail 1 hr before perf Reduced prices Thurs mats only £7 & £10 Now Booking to April '87. SEATS AVAIL FOR PERF TON'T

DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 cc 379 6565/6433. Tu Sat Eves 8pm. Sat Mats 4pm MANCHESTER ROYAL EXCH ANGE production of BEHIND HEAVEN. From 10 Nov TREATMENT. DORY PREVIN 8 Dec - 15 Jan. Booking now open!

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-836 8108, 01-240 9066/7. First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee). Ticketmaster 01 379 6433 (no bkg fee) David Merrick's 42ND STREET A SHOW FOR ALL THE FAMILY Winner of all the best Musical Awards for 1984 voted BEST MUSICAL STANDARD DRAMA AWARDS voted BEST MUSICAL LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARD voted BEST MUSICAL PLAYS & PLAYERS LONDON THEATRE CRITICS AWARD Evgs 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0, Sat 5.0 & 8.30 Reduced price mat Weds. Students and OAP's standby. Group Sales 930 6123 BOOK NOW FOR XMAS Special matinee Dec 26 3pm

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 CC 836 9837/741 9999/379 6433 24hr 240 7200. Eves 8, Thu 3, Sat 5 & 8.30 COMEDY OF THE YEAR Standard Drama Award 1984 STEPPING OUT Hit Comedy by Richard Harris Directed by Julia McKenzie "TRIUMPH ON TAP" Std THIRD HILARIOUS YEAR

FORTUNE B.O. CC S 836 2238/9 Agy 240 7200 (24hrs bkg fee) Mon to Fri 8, Sat 8.30 Mat Thurs & Sat 3.00 LYNDA BELLINGHAM KEITH DRINKEL in DOUBLE DOUBLE "I enjoyed every minute" ST "A classic of whodunitry - is unbeatable" Times ES WE DOUBLE DARE YOU TO DETECT HOW ITS DONE

DUCHESS S 836 8243 CC 240 9648 CC 379 6433 & CC 24 hr/7 day 240 7200 Evgs 8 Wed mat 3 Sat 5 & 8 NO SEX, PLEASE WE'RE BRITISH

GARRICK S 01 379 6107. 1st call 24/hr 7 day 240 7200. Grp Sales 930 6123. Previews from 13 Nov. Eves 7.30. Sat 5 & 8. Opens 17 Nov at 7pm (Tues mat at 3 from 25 Nov) JUDI DENCH MICHAEL WILLIAMS MR and MRS NOBODY by Keith Waterhouse Directed by Ned Sherrin

GLOBE 437 1592 CC 379 6433 1st Call 24 hr 240 7200 (no bkg fee) 741 9999 (no bkg fee). Grp Sales 930 6123. Eves 8 Mats Wed 3 Sat 4. Andrew Lloyd Webber Presents LEND ME A TENOR 'A MARVELLOUS COMBINATION OF WONDERFUL FARCICAL MOMENTS, FUNNY LINES AND FRENETIC PERFORMANCES' T.Out An American Comedy by Ken Ludwig Directed by David Gilmore

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. First Call cc 24hrs 240 7200 (bkg fee). Eves 7.45, mat Sat 2.30. UNDER MILK WOOD by Dylan Thomas. "Searing and irreverent imagination — warm, wanton and bawdy" Daily Telegraph

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box office & CC 01-930 9832. 1st Call 24hr/7 day cc bkgs 240 7200 Eves 7.30 Wed & Sat mats 2.30pm DEREK JACOBI "A truly mesmerising performance" S.Times in BREAKING the CODE by HUGH WHITEMORE James David Isabel Dean Michael Gough Dir by CLIFFORD WILLIAMS MOVING AND ENORMOUSLY QUOTABLE" D.Exp

HER MAJESTY'S, Haymarket. 01-839 2244 Ticketmaster CC 379 6131 First Call CC 240 7200 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S NEW MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Starring MICHAEL CRAWFORD Sarah Brightman Steve Barton Claire Moore plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 Postal bkgs only for Apr to Oct

LONDON PALLADIUM 437 7373. 741 9999 (no bkg fee). First Call 24 Hr 7 Day CC 240 7200. (NO BKG FEE) Grp Sales 930 6123. Ticketmaster 379 6433 OVER 200 PERFS OF THE HIT MUSICAL COMEDY GEORGE HEARN & DENIS QUILLEY LA CAGE AUX FOLLES "...A PALLADIUM ROAR OF APPROVAL" S.Tel Mon-Fri 7.30, Mats Wed 2.00 Sat 2.30 & 8.00 Stdnt concessions avail. at door Mon-Fri & Sat mats SEATS AVAILABLE FROM £7.50 New booking to April 25, 1987

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01-741 2311. Opens Ton't 7pm. Sub Eves 7.45, Wed Mats 2.30, Sat Mats 4pm THE INFERNAL MACHINE by Cocteau. With Maggie Smith. STUDIO: 741 8701. Tu Sat Eves 8pm world premiere of MASSAGE by Michael Wilcox.

LYRIC THEATRE Shaftesbury Ave W1 01-437 3686/7 01-434 1550. 01-434 1050. 01-734 5166/7 COLIN BLAKELY "A brilliant & joyously comic performance" F. Times in The National Theatre's acclaimed production of ALAN AYCKBOURN'S A CHORUS OF DISAPPROVAL "Heartbreakingly funny" Gdn "Hilarious..." S. Times "A rare evening of comic exhilaration" Times Evgs 7.30, Mats Wed and Sat 3.0. Group Sales 01-930 6123. Reduced price mats Student & OAP S and-by FIRST CALL 24HR 7 DAY CC BOOKINGS ON 01 240 7200 (NO BOOKING FEE) WINNER OF ALL THE BEST COMEDY AWARDS FOR 1985 NOW BOOKING UNTIL APRIL '87 FRANCES DE LA TOUR AS LILLIAN HELLMAN IN LILLIAN A play by William Luce, directed by Corin Redgrave. Suns Nov 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 4pm.

LYTTELTON 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's proscenium stage) Previews Ton't 7.45, Tomor 8.00 (not 7.45 as printed in leaflet). Opens Thur 7.00. Fri, Mon 7.45, Sat 2.15 (low price mat) & 7.45. TONS OF MONEY by Will Evans and Valentine.

MAYFAIR 01 629 3037 From Dec 16 to Jan 3 Twice daily 2.0 & 4.0 Weds & Sats 10.30, 2.0 & 4.0 SOOTY'S XMAS SHOW

MAYFAIR S CC 629 3036. Mon-Thu 8 Fri/Sat 5.40 & 8.10 RICHARD TODD in "The Best Thriller for years" S M THE BUSINESS OF MURDER "An unabashed winner" S Exp "Sensational" Times 6TH THRILLING YEAR

MERMAID 236 5568 cc 741 9999. Grp Sales 930 6123 First Call 240 7200 (24 Hrs 7 Days) Ticketmaster 379 6433. Eves 8pm, Sats 6pm & 8.30 STEVEN BERKOFF'S SINK THE BELGRANO! Direct from the Half Moon "SAVAGELY COMIC" FT Pre-theatre food and drink

NATIONAL THEATRE Sth Bank NATIONAL THEATRE COMPANY See SEPARATE ENTRIES under OLIVIER/LYTTELTON/COTTESLOE. Excellent cheap seats days of perfs all theatres from 10 am. RESTAURANT (928 2033). EASY CAR PARK. Info 633 0880. AIR COND

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC 379 6433 Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45. THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL CATS APPLY DAILY TO BOX OFFICE FOR RETURNS Group Bookings 01-405 1567 or 01-930 6123. NOW BOOKING TO MAY 30 1987.

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 From 19 Nov. For a limited season only MARIA AITKEN JUDI BOWKER FAITH BROOK BARBARA EWING JULIA FOSTER GEORGINA HALE PATTI LOVE DIANA QUICK ZENA WALKER and SUSANNAH YORK in THE WOMEN A savagely funny comedy by Clare Boothe Luce

OLIVIER 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's open stage) Ton't, Tomor 7.15 PRAVDA - A Fleet Street Comedy by Howard Brenton and David Hare. Preview Sat 2.00 & Mon 10.30am. Opens Mon 2.00 THE PIED PIPER. Sat, Mon 7.15 JACOBOWSKI AND THE COLONEL.

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 CC 379 6433 Fst Call 24Hr 7Day CC 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123 THE MUSICAL SENSATION LES MISERABLES "IF YOU CAN'T GET A TICKET - STEAL ONE!" Std Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval BEAT THE TOUTS BY ENQUIRING FOR RETURNS AT THE BOX OFFICE.

PHOENIX 836 2294 cc 240 9661 DIANA RIGG in WILDFIRE a new play Directed by PETER WOOD Reduced price prevs from 11 Nov Opens 18 Nov at 7pm 1st Call 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123 Mon-Thu 8 Fri/Sat 4 & 8.15

PICCADILLY 437 4506 CC 379 6565/379 6433/240 7200. Group Sales 930 6123/836 3962. Mon to Fri 8, Sats 4.30 & 8.15. Wed mats 3 (from 19 Nov) FRANKIE HOWERD in A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM "achingly funny" S Exp 1st PREV 8 Nov 8.15. Opens 14 Nov 7pm

PRINCE EDWARD Box Office 734 8951 First Call 24 Hr 7 Days cc Booking 836 3464 Grp Sales 930 6123. Mon-Sat 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30 CHESS "A GRAND MASTER OF A SHOW" Newsweek Now booking to March 28, 1987 MAT SEATS SOMETIMES AVAILABLE ON DAY

PRINCE OF WALES W1 930 8681/2 cc Hotline 930 0844/5/6. Grp Sales 930 6123. Keith Prowse 741 9999. Ticketmaster 379 6433 1st Call 24hr/7day 240 7200 'ALLO 'ALLO with the TV SHOW STARS Opens Ton't 7pm Sub Eves 8. Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.40

QUEEN'S 01-734 1166/7/0261/0120. 24hr cc 240 7200/379 6433. Grp Sales 930 6123. "THE BEST MUSICAL IN LONDON" Gdn "A WONDERFUL STAR" Mail MAUREEN LIPMAN in LEONARD BERNSTEIN'S WONDERFUL TOWN! "It ripples with excitement" S.Times "Just wonderful" D.Exp Mon-Sat 8 Mats Wed 2.30 Sat 5

ROYAL COURT S CC 730 1745/1857. CC 24hr 7 day 240 7200 (bkg fee) Until 22 Nov. Eves 8pm. Sat Mats 4pm KAFKA'S DICK by Alan Bennett. Dir Richard Eyre.

ROYALTY 01-831 0660 24hr cc 240 7200 cc 379 6433 741 9999 Group Sales 930 6123 JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT From 16 Dec twice daily at 2.30 & 7.30 BOOK NOW

SAVOY THEATRE 01 836 8888. CC 379 6219. 836 0479. First Call 24 hr 7 day (bkg fee) 240 7200. Keith Prowse 741 9999 (bkg fee). Red Price Prevs from Wed 12 Nov. Eves Mon - Fri 8pm, Sat 5 & 8.30. PATRIC MACNEE DAVID LANGTON JENNIE LINDEN & LIZ ROBERTSON in KILLING JESSICA The New Mystery Thriller Directed by BRYAN FORBES.

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE OF COMEDY 01 379 5399 CC 01 379 6433/741 9999. First Call 24hr 240 7200 (bkg fee). Grp Sales 930 6123. Mon-Fri 8, Wed Mat 3, Sat 5 & 8.30 THEATRE OF COMEDY CO "The finest comic talents" D.Mail ROOKERY NOOK "A Stop-up revival" Times "of the most celebrated of Ben Travers' farces" Spectator LIMITED SEASON MUST END NOV 29 NOW BOOKING FOR TOM CONTI in AN ITALIAN STRAW HAT Previews from Dec 5

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 6433. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat 5.0 and 8.0 34th yr of AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND 836 2660 CC 836 4143/5190. 741 9999. First Call 24 Hr 7 Day cc 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123 CABARET "The sharpest, most sophisticated, most rhythmic musical now romping in the West End" Std Starring WAYNE SLEEP Directed & Choreographed by Gillian Lynne Mon-Fri 7.45, Mat Wed 3.00 Sat 4.30 & 8.15 OAP REDUCED PRICES MATS. BOOKING NOW UP TO JAN '87

STRATFORD UPON AVON (0789) 295623. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY at "RST". No perfs Tonight. Tomor Macbeth opens Thurs, Fri 7.30, Sat 1.30, 7.30. Swan Theatre, Fair Maid Tonight, Thurs, Fri 7.30. Wed, Sat 1.30, 7.30.

THEATRE OF COMEDY COMPANY "The very best of Britain's comic talent" Daily Mail See separate entries under: CRITERION THEATRE/SHAFTESBURY THEATRE OF COMEDY/WHITEHALL THEATRE/

VAUDEVILLE Box Office & CC 836 9987/5645 First call CC 24 hrs 240 7200 (bkg fee). Evgs 8.0. Mats Wed 2.30, Sat 5.0, 8.30. JULIA McKENZIE MARTIN JARVIS PETER BLYTHE JOSEPHINE TEWSON in ALAN AYCKBOURN'S New Play WOMAN IN MIND "THIS MUST BE THE FUNNIEST PLAY IN LONDON, IT IS ALSO THE MOST DISTURBING" S.Tel "ALAN AYCKBOURN IS WRITING AT HIS BEST" S.Times "JULIA McKENZIE GIVES A PERFORMANCE TO TAKE THE BREATH AWAY" D.Tel

VICTORIA PALACE 01-834 1317 Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.45 EXTRA XMAS MATINEES December 26,29,30 Jan 1 & 2 24hr 7 day cc bkgs (no extra charge) on FIRST CALL 240 7200 "A NIGHT OF SHEER SONG & DANCE MAGIC" Wkly News CHARLIE GIRL ONLY 10 WEEKS LEFT TO SEE THIS FABULOUS CAST. LAST PERF JAN 10 PAUL NICHOLAS CYD CHARISSE DORA BRYAN NICHOLAS PARSONS MARK WYNTER in CHARLIE GIRL GROUP SALES 01 930 6123 BIG PARTY DISCOUNTS Also book. Ticketmaster 379 6433 or any W H Smith Travel Branch

WESTMINSTER 01-834 0283/4 cc 834 0048. First call cc 240 7200 & cc 741 9999/379 6433. Grps 930 6123. Eves 7.45, Wed Mats 3, Sat 5 & 8.15 NYREE DAWN PORTER DERMOT WALSH PETER BYRNE in FRANCIS DURBRIDGE'S DEADLY NIGHTCAP "Very best of Thrillers" "HURRY TO THE WESTMINSTER" D Tel "...MUCH BETTER THAN AGATHA CHRISTIE" What's On MUST END SATURDAY

WESTMINSTER 834 0283/4 cc 834 0048. cc Ticketmaster 379 6433. From 24 Nov 3rd Magical Season THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE by C.S. Lewis

WHITEHALL SW1 01 930 7765/836 4455 cc 01 379 6565/379 6433. 741 9999. JULIE WALTERS GERALDINE JAMES SHEILA HANCOCK JOHN GORDON SINCLAIR WHEN I WAS A GIRL, I USED TO SCREAM & SHOUT The Award Winning Comedy by Sharman Macdonald Previews from 1 Dec Eves 8pm

WHITEHALL SW1 01 930 7765/839 4455 CC 01 379 6565/6433. 741 9999. Grps 01 836 3962. Mon-Fri 8.00 Wed Mat 3.00 Sats 5.00 & 8.30 FINAL 3 WEEKS Must End Nov 22 THEATRE OF COMEDY presents WHEN WE ARE MARRIED By J.B. Priestley Directed by Ronald Eyre "YOU WILL NOT FIND A MORE PLEASURABLE EVENING ANYWHERE IN LONDON - OR THE WORLD" S.Express

WYNDHAM'S S 836 3028 cc 379 6565/6433/1st Call (24 hrs 7 days) 240 7200/741 9999. Grps 836 3962/831 2771. Eves 8, Sat mats 3 JOHN MILLS ROSEMARY HARRIS in the N.T. production of THE PETITION by BRIAN CLARK Directed by PETER HALL "BEAUTIFULLY PERFORMED... EXTRAORDINARY" Times SEASON ENDS 15 NOV

YOUNG VIC STUDIO 928 6363. PASCAL TH CO in THE GERMAN CONNECTION by Seamus Finnegan. Eves 8. Sat mat 3.

ART GALLERIES

ANTHONY d'OFFAY 9 & 23 Dering St. W1. RICHARD LONG New Work: 499 4100.

BRITISH LIBRARY, Gt Russell St, WC1. SING A SONG FOR SIXPENCE: THE ENGLISH PICTURE BOOK TRADITION & RANDOLPH CALDECOTT and the International THE CITY IN MAPS. Mon-Sat 10-5, Sun 2.30-6 Adm free.

BRITISH POST IMPRESSIONISTS EXHIBITION. Until 22nd November. WHITFORD & HUGHES, 6 Duke Street, St James's, SW1. 01-930 9332 Mon-Fri 10-6; Sat 10-1.

CONTEMPORARY ART SOCIETY Market. Smiths Galleries 33 Shelton Street, Covent Garden WC2. 5 - 8 Nov, 11 - 8pm daily. 600 works by living artists for sale between £60 & £600. Sponsored by Sainsbury's and Smiths Galleries.

DANIELL'S AQUATINTS - English Welsh and Scottish Coastal Views. THE SCOTTISH GALLERY. Tel: 031 225 5955.

FINE ART SOCIETY. 148 New Bond Street, W1 01-629 5116. PAINTING IN SCOTLAND 1880 - 1930. ADRIAN ALLINSON and ETHELBERT WHITE.

FISCHER FINE ART 30 King St., St James's SW1. 839 3942. GASTON CHAISSAC 1910-1964. Until 21 Nov.

HAYWARD GALLERY, South Bank, SE1. RODIN and DOYLE FAMILY Exhibition. Adm. £3/£1.50. Recorded info: 01-261 0127.

KING STREET GALLERIES, 17 King St., St James's SW1. 01-930 9392. ENGLISH WATERCOLOURS 1800-1950. Until 22 Nov.

LEINSTER FINE ART. 4th floor, 3 Clifford Street, London W1X 1RA. THREE ARTISTS FROM SANTA FE. Lala Lepeschkin, Rep Loving, Ron Pokrasso. Mon - Fri 10am - 6pm. Sat by Appointment only. Tel: 437 4534. Last chance to see this exhibition.

CCA GALLERIES Christies Contemporary Art 8 Dover St, W1: MICHAEL POTTER Recent Watercolours and Screenprints. Until 4 November. 17 Princes's Arcade W1: MIX MEDIA: Hennig, Yokoi, Engel and Bessim. Until 4 November. 01-499 6701

MUSEUM OF MANKIND, Burlington Gardens, London W1. HIDDEN PEOPLES OF THE AMAZON - Life in the Tropical Rain forest. Mon-Sat 10-5, Sun 2.30-6. Adm free.

MC ONELL GALLERY, 6 Duke Street, St. James's, SW1. 17th ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF MARINE PAINTINGS. From 7th Oct - 7th Nov, Daily 9.30-5.30, Sat 10-1. fully illustrated Cat. £5.00. Tel: 01 839 6223/4.

ROYAL ACADEMY, PICCADILLY 01 734 9052 Open daily 10-6 inc.Sun (reduced rate Sun. Until 1.45) NEW ARCHITECTURE: FOSTER ROGERS STIRLING and THE SKETCH-BOOKS OF PICASSO Adm: (for each exhib:) £2.50, £1.70 conc. rate cc booking 01 741 9999

SPINK, King Street, St. James's, SW1. DOUGLAS STANNUS GRAY, 1890-1959. Opening tomorrow until 28th November. Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30.

THE MALL GALLERIES, (Nr. Admiralty Arch) Tel: 930 6844. THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF MARINE ARTISTS. 6 - 17 November daily. 10 - 5pm. Adm £1. Conc. 50P.

VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM - The National Museum of Art and Design, S. Kensington. Walmar Ceramics. Gerda Flockinger, Jewellery. Master Pieces of Photography. Recorded info 01-581 4894. Wkdays 10-5.50, Suns 2.30-5.50. Closed Fridays.

WEBBER ARCHITECTURAL GALLERY, 56 Store St. WC1. Tel: 01- 636 4895. DAVID ROBERTS Views of Egypt and the Holy Land Monday - Friday 10-5; Saturdays, 10-1.

ZAMANA GALLERY, 1 Cromwell Gardens, SW7. 584 6612. ISTANBUL - A Photographic Journey through Turkish Architecture. Until 18 Jan. Tue-Sat 10-5.30, Sun 12-5.30

CINEMAS

CAMDEN PLAZA opp Camden Town Tube 485 2443 MEN (15) Film at 2.25 4.30 6.40 8.55.

CHELSEA CINEMA Kings Road SW3. 351 3742 MEN (15). Film at 2.25 4.30 6.40 8.55.

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. Maggie Smith, Denholm Elliott, Judi Dench in A ROOM WITH A VIEW (PG) Film at 1.30 (Not Sun) 3.45, 6.10 & 8.40. LAST WEEK HERE - CONTINUES AT CURZON WEST END. From Friday SHOAH (PG)

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. Maggie Smith, Denholm Elliott, Judi Dench in A ROOM WITH A VIEW (PG). Film at 1.30 (Not Sun), 3.45, 6.10 & 8.40.

THE ARTS

Subtlety of class

It is odd to think of John Mortimer's *Paradise Postponed* (ITV) being shown in America, bound up as it is with the subtleties of English class, mainly of the unpicturesque middle class at that. And how could American viewers feel those pinpricks of nostalgia for lost youth at the sight of a duffel coat or a packet of Gauloises? No wonder Alastair Cooke has to give an explanatory preamble each week.

Not that *Paradise Postponed* is basically about pleasurable nostalgia: on the contrary, an almost unbearable melancholy pervades the series. This is no *Rumpole*, sentimental and optimistic in its view of humanity. One of its running threads is the traditional coldness between English parents and children. The Simcox boys know better than to apply to their mother for help.

TELEVISION

Back in real life, but still on the same territory, *Mavis on Four* (Channel 4) listened as Nigel Nicolson admitted that he only dared visit the writing-room of his mother, Vita Sackville-West, twice in 32 years. Nigel and his 28-year-old son Adam were talking about their newly-published correspondence, which follows in the family tradition of communicating more intimately on paper than face-to-face. Adam, who seems to have inherited the looks and some of the ruthlessness of his grandmother, "raised the stakes in talking about how we got on with each other" by accusing his father in one letter of an insensitivity to his children "little short of staggering". After this cathartic outburst, father and son found themselves able to chat with devastating frankness and charm, though to Mavis Nicholson, still not to each other.

There was English idiosyncrasy of a different kind in the documentary *Stranger than Fiction* (Channel 4) on Mass Observation in the Thirties. One of its founders, the anthropologist Tom Harrisson, was inspired by his work with New Hebridean cannibals to apply the same study methods to the tribes-folk of industrial Lancashire. There they encountered a bizarre ritual, said to commemorate the sawing off of a live cow's head. Or were the canny Lancastrians, detecting southern condescension, just sending the Mass Observers up? Another unsolved anthropological mystery.

Anne Campbell Dixon

Unconvincing curiosity shop

GALLERIES

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Paul Signac: Watercolours and Drawings
Marlborough Fine Art

Paul Signac following Seurat (above) in *Les Régates à Argenteuil* (1885); and detail from Ian McKeever's dramatic *Crossing* (1986)

The Russians are probably the only race to have been more confused over the division between art and design than the British. As artist after artist disappeared into designing and oblivion, they at least could plead the ideological complications of a revolution. We have no excuse. Redfern's show of Design (until November 26) is too small to encourage any sweeping statements, but does highlight some of the problems in the topical debate on the relationship between art and design.

Concentrating on advertising material and domestic and theatrical designs produced by British artists of the middle of this century, the Redfern shows both how artists used to supplement their income and the strong influence they had on design. Designers naturally follow the lead of artists and this process can be shortened by employing artists, hence Ronald Grierson's rug designs in the style of Rothko.

There are very few dazzling examples of innovation in the show. It is mainly a question of adapting styles for decorative purposes. There is also a sad uniformity about much of the work. Six table-mats commissioned in 1955 for Heal's by artists including Hepworth, Hilton, Frost and Lanyon do not need signatures to tell their origins, but possess a consistency that will be hard to find in a similar group today. There are some fine items in the exhibition, such as a mock-heroic beach scene screened by Christopher Wood, made as a mural and screen for Lord Berners, a strikingly pagan frieze by John Piper and a flower pattern for a tapestry by Henry Moore.

The Redfern has been converted into a curiosity shop packed full of names and objects, but one still leaves the gallery unconvinced that artists are necessarily the best designers. It does, however, signal the need for an exhibition to examine thoroughly the relationship between art and design.

The third Contemporary Art Society Market, which opens at Smiths Galleries, 33 Shelton Street, Covent Garden, tomorrow for four days, suggests that this event is fast becoming the jumble sale of the contemporary art world. It is undoubtedly possible to pick out bargains, with many well-known and some good but less famous artists putting works in for sale under £600. However, its "absence of gloom" policy is highly questionable. There are hundreds of galleries selling the type of pretty pictures the Market is showing: this is another sadly lost opportunity to promote some of the very good work that is going on in Britain. Just as the line between art and design is murky, so here little division is made between good and bad paintings and sculpture.

Ian McKeever's series of paintings after his visit to Lapland incorporates photographs like many of Anselm Kiefer's works and are in the colours of Per Kirkeby. Though McKeever's work grows stronger, it does not as yet compare favourably with that of Germany's or Denmark's most important living painters, yet it is difficult to see his bold, romantic landscapes in any other light. His weakness is the resort to the obvious, as in *Collapsed Tree*, where the sentimental appeal of the photograph dominates the composition.

Through the Ice Lens, with its more subtle blend of photographs and paint, allows the artist to build up greater feeling for texture and the subject itself. The drama of *Crossing*, in which white water dashes itself against majestic boulders, is the perfect excuse for McKeever's explosive use of paint, but its impact is reduced by some unnecessarily heavy-handed loops. This is nevertheless an exciting show (on until November 15) and well worth more than one look.

Behind the straightforward pleasure to be taken in 91 drawings and watercolours by Paul Signac, at Marlborough Fine Art until December 31, is the further delight of many transparent influences on his work – and the irony of the famous neo-Impressionist producing drawings at all. In the early days he had followed Seurat's example with drawings like *Les Régates à Argenteuil* that served almost as carbon preparation for the countless dots of oil, but he was soon rejecting altogether the need to paint straight from the subject. In 1894 he wrote in his diary: "It seems crazy to paint everything you see before you. It will be much more logical to take from nature, to store up – by a single sketch, a simple note – only that which seems perfect to you in terms of line and colour . . . and to use it for a painting."

By the turn of the century Signac's draughtsmanship was loosening up, as is shown in the three black chalk drawings including *Les Quais*, c. 1900. The brilliance of the watercolours of this period gains greater significance when it is realized that in 1904 (the year before Fauvism) Matisse, Manguin, Marquet, Derain and Vlaminck all went to stay with him at St Tropez. The pure colours of such works as *Le Port, St Tropez*, c. 1900, did not go unnoticed. Connections with Japanese prints, with Van Gogh, Jongkind and earlier northern artists, abound, particularly when Signac chose to use brown ink. The art-historical importance of the works declines as the years go on, but they still remain lyrical records of the seaports and cities of France.

Alistair Hicks

CONCERT

Roivainen/York
Purcell Room

Raija Roivainen, a singer from Finland whose début in Britain was welcomed on this page a couple of years ago, returned on Sunday night with a short but varied programme that should have interested a larger audience.

The mezzo-soprano avoided the recitalist's dutiful trot through the centuries in favour of an assortment of songs, some with more than a piano to partner them, which evidently reflected a personal enjoyment.

I was sorry that a late programme-change robbed us of another foretaste of Aulis Sallinen, one of whose recent operas is due at Covent Garden next year, but when this was replaced by a song-cycle as attractive as *Jorden* ("Earth") by Nordquist, there is no cause to complain. The four songs contemplating aspects of nature in moods from poignancy to passion are finely wrought and were eloquently sung.

The singer could be likened to a viola in the string texture for the quality of her tone, which had its instrumental counterpart in the two Brahms songs with solo viola, Op 91, with which she began somewhat reticently, as if unsure of the hall's acoustics. That aspect soon improved when she reached Pfitzner, whose "Venus Mater" allowed her vocal line to bloom in a way that some other songs found more inhibited.

To John York's attentive piano-playing was added the Hoffman String Quartet for the lovely "Chanson perpetuelle" of Chausson, sung with something less than the anguish of spirit that belongs to it.

The quartet's cellist, Jane Rainey, was joined by the flautist Helen Jones to lend throbbing instrumental colour to a performance of the sultry and beguiling *Chansons madécasses* by Ravel that ideally needed rather more of the lazy eroticism of inflexion which a keener audience might have stimulated.

Noël Goodwin

● The Philharmonia Orchestra is to take part in 50 concerts abroad this season, including two major tours with its principal conductor, Giuseppe Sinopoli – to Japan in January, as part of the inaugural season of the new Suntory Hall in Tokyo, and Italy in April. The orchestra's future plans include the promotion, in 1988, of a series on the music of Lutoslawski, conducted by the composer and Esa-Pekka Salonen.

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If any common thread has emerged in the Citizens' recent, vastly different productions, it has been a concern with hypocrisy and compromise. After the wit of Wilde's *Ideal Husband* and the immensity of Hochhuth's *Representative* comes a mischievous light comedy from the 19th-century lapsed "Romantic" Alfred de Musset, playing on the gaps between outward show and inward feeling as they emerge in the familiar dramatic territory of marital infidelity.

Described, perhaps a little summarily, in one biographical note as having a life only made notable by his affair with George Sand, De Musset certainly had an insight into the deception and self-deception of affairs that are, in trivialized form, the meat of marriage comedies. His *Le Chandelier* takes a witty swipe at the trivialization of real feeling, with its story of a lawyer's wife and her soldier lover, who callously exploits the infatuation of a young admirer by using him as a decoy for her husband's suspicions.

In Robert David MacDonald's translation and production the play emerges as an engaging, though not entirely successful, combination of parody, self-parody and earnestness, as a development of feeling is injected into the conventions of romantic comedy. Stewart Laing's cardboard set, with its elaborate sliding props, emphasizes this nicely, complementing the more one-dimensional characters – the mediocre husband (an elongated and meticulous Giles Havergal) and the soldier Clavaroche (Ciaran Hinds, whose personality begins and ends with his absurd moustache). De Musset leaves no doubt as to his contempt for the prosaic professional and the pompous soldier of 1830s French society – by contrast the poetic lover (Garry Cooper), though also ridiculed with his flights of fantasy, invites sympathy and eventually admiration by turning the tables on everyone.

At its best this production is light-fingered and funny, incorporating elegance and vulgarity, but it is held back by passages that float uneasily, neither comic nor serious, and by scenes where the comedy is slow or laboured.

Meanwhile, in Edinburgh, the Traverse's Pick of the Fringe Season brought back Theatre Co-operative's *Burke and Hare*. Patrick Evans's play excavates the gruesome twosome from simplified popular notoriety, exploring their historical context and personal backgrounds to help explain, though not approve, their behaviour as they unwittingly supply a hypocritically sanctimonious John Knox with material for his theories of racial inferiority in more ways than one. While the acting is sometimes uneven and the production's start melodramatic, it develops into a taut, vivid piece of theatre, clear and simple and making very effective use of lighting.

Sarah Hemming

● Steven Berkoff's *Sink the Belgrano!*, reviewed by Martin Cropper at the Half Moon in September, has now transferred to the Mermaid.

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OPERA

Otello
St John's

All criticism of *Otello* the film pales to insignificance in the light of Byron's horrified pre-Verdi reaction to Rossini's handling of Shakespeare. "They have been crucifying *Othello* into an opera!" he cried; and the nails, it is true, are driven in pretty deep.

Abbey Opera, under the baton of Antony Shelley, presented a rare concert performance of Rossini's *dramma* on Sunday night. This is the *Otello* in which all Cassio's imputed sins are visited on poor Rodrigo, who is about to be married off by Desdemona's dastardly father, Elmiro. This, too, is the *Otello* in which Iago barely figures (something which incensed Byron even further). And everybody, more or less, is a tenor. It works wonders for Rodrigo: even Justin Lavender's vocal indisposition could not prevent some marvellously expansive bel canto in heated ensemble. But it just about finishes off Iago's credibility: Stuart Kale, singing at short notice, struggled hard enough to find any hint of evil at all.

The simplification and melodramatizing of the emotional ground-plan does, however, provide some cues for exciting writing. *Otello*'s first entry may sound like the Boys' Brigade on a Saturday morning; but listen to the galaxy of woodwind activity anticipating his love. The desire for vengeance may be intolerably and impotently delayed; but some of the cellos' undercurrents compensate well enough for the vocal expressive shortfall.

In short, it is very much a case of *prima la musica*, and nowhere more so than in this Willow Song. Not only is it well and truly there, harp and all, but it comes in the context of some of the most concentratedly powerful ensemble writing and pacing in this unashamed canary-fancier's opera. Verdi obviously inclined an ear to those plangent chord-pairs, and that gusting wind.

Marie Slorach sang its cunningly ornamented verses through to the last, bare

Marie Slorach: emotional breadth and presence

stanza, with the emotional breadth and dramatic presence with which she had focused the entire evening. The spotlight was very much on Anne Mason, taking the *travesti* title role and, in doing so, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the premature death of the 19th-century diva Maria Malibran, famous in this role. The part really does depend upon a vocal vehemence, a degree of histrionics even, which Miss Mason, for all her command of technique and decibels, could not quite muster. It was good to hear the Icelandic mezzo Sirry Ella Magnus as Emilia and a real bass, at last, in Alistair Miles's Elmiro.

Hilary Finch

The Man Who Mistook His Wife For a Hat
ICA

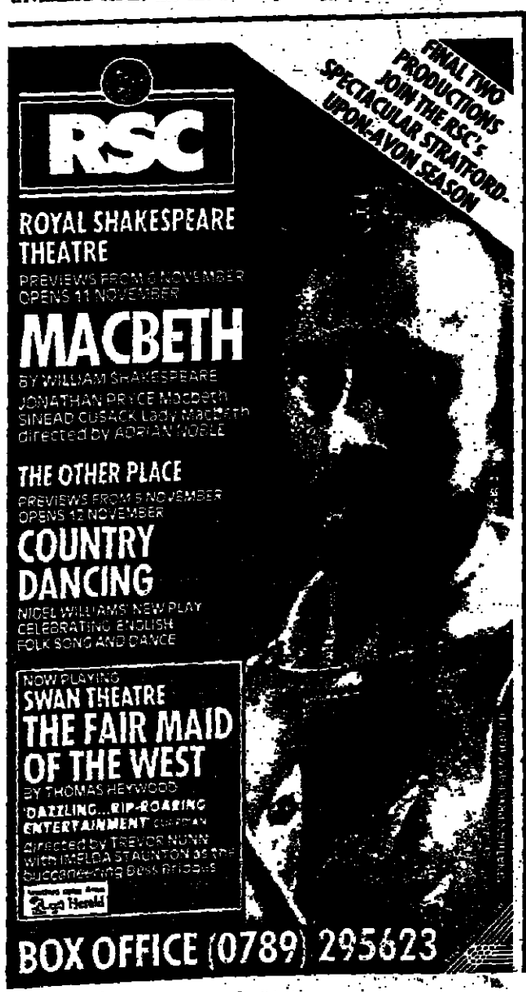
It cannot be denied that the story-line of Michael Nyman's new opera, taken from a case-history by the neurologist Oliver Sacks, is utterly absorbing. Dr P, an ageing singer, has trouble in translating visual perceptions into ideas he can recognize, unless a particular detail happens to trigger his memory. Abstract thought poses no problem for him. He easily defeats his neurologist (the story-teller) in a game of mental chess, and his powers of musicianship remain strong. Indeed it is in his relationship to music that the key to his problem and ultimately his salvation lies.

Unfortunately Nyman's painfully bland, often naive score, though it has the fractional advantage of being played at a gentler volume than most of his music one has encountered hitherto, does Sacks little justice. Nothing happens for a purpose, there is no sense of direction, no sense of emotion, not much sense at all. Even the intrusion of Schumann's song "Ich grolle nicht", sung as a test by Dr P in his own home with the neurologist joining in enthusiastically and rather comily at the end, is cheapened by context; not so in the book.

Fortunately the production, directed by Michael Morris, is in many ways ingeniously effective. Nyman himself occupies centre stage, directing proceedings, his back to us, from the piano (is he really another manifestation of Dr P?). Screens suggesting a doctor's surgery and net curtains are pulled aside to reveal Dr P's salon, complete with plainly visible string quintet, harp and sundry unoccupied music-stands. The acting is excellent, rather better in fact than the unnecessarily miked-up singing.

Emile Belcourt is a somewhat world-weary neurologist, while Patricia Hooper touchingly plays Dr P's protective wife, quite used to being mistaken for a hat. And Frederick Westcott portrays Dr P himself with commendable sensitivity. We may be tempted to feel sorry for this gently comic, mildly confused little man, but do we not also envy his oblivious state, his absolute involvement in a private world dominated by music, the only thing he really comprehends?

Stephen Pettitt



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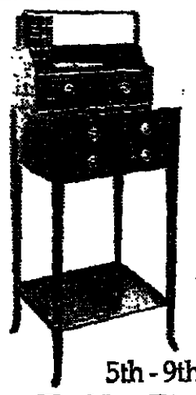

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A word in the Prince's ear

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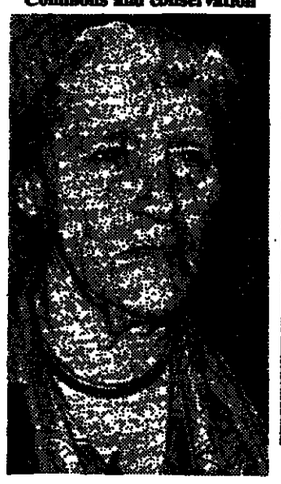
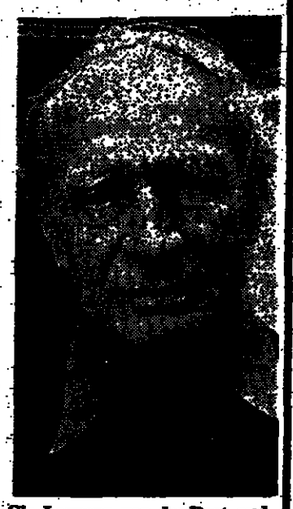


Community concern: advice from architect Rod Hackney on inner city renewal



Sir Laurens van der Post and (below) Dr Armand Hammer: two global points of view

Last week's attack by the Prince of Wales on housebuilders who exploit greenfield sites rather than resuscitating the inner cities was merely the latest shot in a sustained personal campaign for Britain's spiritual well being.

Increasingly over the past five years the Prince has made speeches promoting his personal philosophy, based on mankind recognizing its place within nature and the universe. The speeches often bite the hand that feeds him a lunch or dinner: the National House Building Council are not alone in finding themselves under fire when they were expecting to be patted on the back.

Some of the larger concerns the Prince deals with have become aware of the possibility of a Wales-strike, which may explain why the NHBC took the trouble to release the speech they *hoped* the Prince would make. It started: "I salute the endeavours of your council".

The speech had been commissioned by the NHBC as a "suggestion" for the Prince. He rejected it, preferring to work — as he often does — on a draft based on information provided by his advisers but bearing his own stamp.

The Royal Institute of British Architects is a favourite target, but farmers, bankers and businessmen have all been forced to listen as the Prince expounded, at their invitation, views they do not necessarily feel comfortable with.

So far this year he has criticized the apparent colour bar within the Brigade of Guards and the Household Cavalry, attacked the layout of Heathrow's new Terminal 4, talked of his growing anxiety over the quality of education for young people, encouraged the public to cut through "cat's cradles of red tape which choke this country from to end" and appealed to businesses to re-examine their attitudes towards community development.

Last week Lord Northfield, head of a building consortium, claimed that the Prince had been "hi-jacked by the loony Green brigade", and it is true that his philosophy is not always acceptable or comprehensible to many with a vested interest. It can be summed up by the phrase "we have the responsibility as individuals of being a good neighbour to all forms of life", a quotation from his mentor Sir Laurens van der Post.

Van der Post's writings, which stem from his experiences in the African bush and as a prisoner-of-war, are at the core of Prince Charles's own philosophy, but critics who object that the Prince lays too much store by the metaphysical tend to ignore the practical interest he has taken in the well being of future generations.

His advisers on the Prince's Trust include the former deputy chief probation officer for London, George Pratt, the Chief Guide Dr June Paterson-Brown, the former chief executive of the Tyne and Wear council Jim Gardener, and the rock singer Phil Collins. Their varied practical experience is channelled into the Prince's thinking in equal part to van der Post's contribution.

Since last year the Prince's private secretary has been Sir John Riddell, 52, a former banker (and twice a Conservative parliamentary candidate) who has been a director of the Independent Broadcasting Authority and the Northern Rock Building Society. The Prince decided earlier this year to bring in a permanent assistant to advise him on industry, and chose 25-year-old Rupert Fairfax, a former executive of the Hanson Trust. Fairfax's job is to help the Prince put pressure on industry to help small businesses and create jobs, as well as encouraging big business to put some pre-tax profit into local enterprise schemes.

Of his lay advisors, the Macclesfield architect Rod Hackney has played the principal role in advising the Prince on inner city decay and its revival through community architecture. Hackney came to the fore a year ago when details of a conversation between them became public — the Prince had expressed fears that "no-go" areas would develop in the inner cities and that sections of the community would become alienated. But the Prince's views on modern architecture — calling the National Gallery extension plans "a carbuncle", for example, and the plans for a Mies van der Rohe tower block "a stump" — are thought to reflect his own tastes.

Dr Miriam Rothschild, the scientist and writer, advises the Prince on organic farming and all conservation matters. The Prince's close association with Lord Tonypandy, former Speaker of the House of Commons, provides him with an overview of politics; and his friendship with a Conservative backbencher, Nicholas Soames, keeps him in touch with the Commons.

On a global level, the Prince has called on the knowledge and, perhaps more important, the pocket of Dr Armand Hammer, the founder of Occidental Petroleum. Hammer's dealings with the Russians and Americans have provided an insight into the superpowers. He has also contributed generously to the Prince's projects, from the Mary Rose to the United World Colleges.

Mr Michael Shea, the Buckingham Palace press officer, says "the Prince takes advice from lots of sources but in the end the speeches that are delivered are written by him". No plan is laid down, he says, as to when the Prince will make a major speech, and months might go by between them; he does not set out deliberately to create controversy.

Observers say that the Prince's mind is set on the long-term, deliberately seeking a counter balance to essentially shorter term government policies. Next year, when he becomes British head of European Environment Year, more tough speeches can be expected.

The Prince is apparently quite used to being attacked over his speeches and all he hopes for is an accurate representation of what he is trying to put across. Earlier this year, however, he lost his temper when it was reported that his "mirror of the soul" speech had been directed at a bunch of lumberjacks in Canada. The long thought-out philosophical statement was made to an educated audience, well up to grasping his point. There wasn't a lumberjack in the place.

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How bluebirds beat the BBC

Her brand of music, they said, was like the caterwauling of a cockatoo — but Vera Lynn sang on regardless

The day the BBC nearly banned Vera Lynn from broadcasting to the World War II troops is not one it cares to remember. Inconceivable as it seems today, the stifling of the East Ham nightingale was being urged at the highest levels of the BBC as "in the national interest".

The sort of songs she sang in her weekly programme, *Sincerely Yours*, were considered to be a serious threat to service morale. The lyrics included the promise to meet again some sunny day, that there would be bluebirds over the white cliffs of Dover and that she would be "Yours till the stars lose their glory, Yours to the end of life's story".

From the Sunday in November 1941 when her programme began (a low point in the war when no victories were being won), servicemen were writing 1,000 letters a week requesting "our song" for their wives or sweethearts. Was the BBC hierarchy gratified? It was not.

The minutes of the December 1941 meeting of the BBC governors, who included such worthies as Harold Nicolson and Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, ran: "*Sincerely Yours* deplored but popularity noted".

The joint director-general, Sir Cecil Graves, had been listening to the Forces Programme in "shocked surprise", he told the planning committee. "Why should we hear so much of Vera Lynn?" he demanded. "How can men fit themselves for battle with these debilitating songs sounding in their ears?" In making Vera Lynn popular, he said, the BBC bore some responsibility for "depreciating the morale of our fighting men".

MPs were also quick to complain. Vernon Bartlett called the BBC's musical output "sentimental sloppy muck". Lord Winterton compared it with "the caterwauling of an inebriated cockatoo".

As a result of the criticism, the controller of programmes, Basil Nicolls, set up a committee to formulate a new policy eliminating "crooning, sentimental numbers, drivelling words, slush and so on". Vera Lynn's name was not specified but everyone knew she was a main target. On July 22, 1942, the new policy was promulgated to band leaders, music publishers and the press.

Howard Thomas, the producer who had invented *Sincerely Yours* as well as the BBC's discussion programme *The Brains Trust*, remembers: "The War Office generals muttered about what this sentimentality was doing to the Army's morale. The Navy was also very stodgy at the top. But the Royal Air Force had a different view. They were modern people who thought it (Vera Lynn-type music) was inspiring and sent men off on their missions with a good heart."

The battle was fought out in the correspondence columns. The *Daily Telegraph* heard much from the anti-Vera faction while the *Melody Maker* defended her stoutly. Eventually the matter was put to what was then the national court of appeal, *The Brains Trust*. "Is Vera Lynn's programme harmful to morale?" was the question.

The panel, which consisted of Professor C.E. Joad, Julian Huxley and Commander A.B. Campbell, was by then also the target of interference from above. Nicolls and, later, the BBC governors were vetting the questions to exclude politics, religion and anything "which might embarrass the government". The panel did not attack a fellow victim. Vera Lynn, it pronounced, filled a definite need.

When *Sincerely Yours* came off the air Howard Thomas was called on to provide the antidote — a programme at the same peak hour on Sunday evenings with a male voice choir, a military band and orchestra combined, and a young unknown tenor, Charles Dorning, who worked in an aircraft factory.

Vera Lynn: Forces loved her

Dorning was billed as "the voice of the people" and was introduced by the Elgarian strains of *Pomp and Circumstance* to rouse the fighting spirit of the listeners. The programme sank without a protest after a few weeks.

After that, little more was heard of the need for fighting music for fighting men and by early 1943 Vera Lynn was back with her bluebirds. The debate illustrates the gulf between society then and today. It was one of the last attempts by the BBC and the Establishment-minded to dictate popular taste — or rather, to ignore it and to substitute what they thought was good for people. In those days, the attempt could have succeeded.

Peter Lewis

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A People's War by Peter Lewis is published by Thames-Methuen on Thursday, price £12.95. A Channel 4 series of the same title and featuring Vera Lynn begins next Monday.

Conspiracies according to La Rouche

The man behind today's Californian Aids poll is also worried about the IMF, the Queen and Henry Kissinger...

La Rouche: eccentric republican

Margaret Thatcher, visiting Rome in July 1982, was somewhat taken aback to find that the first question at a press conference was about alleged connections between the death in London of Italian banker Roberto Calvi and the British freemasonry headed by the Duke of Kent. Was this what she was discussing in Rome? asked the reporter. "My answer", shrieked the Prime Minister, "is absolutely no!"

The report of the conference, and Mrs Thatcher's quote, comes from *Executive Intelligence Review (EIR)*, whose Rome bureau chief, Leonardo Servadio, broached the topic.

EIR is a weekly news magazine published in Wiesbaden, West Germany, and formally launched in London last November. It is the most public face in Europe of the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC), the right-wing American political party behind today's referendum in California on whether Aids should be made a communicable disease. If California votes "yes" to Proposition 64 then the names of anyone carrying the virus will be reported to the state's public health authorities.

That the referendum is taking place at all is a considerable feat; that it has come about through pressure from the NDPC and its eccentric leader, Lyndon H. La Rouche Junior, is remarkable.

La Rouche's organization explains Zionism as a British conspiracy, considers the Queen, through the Commonwealth, to be head of a drug trafficking network with links to the Mafia, and accuses Henry Kissinger of being a "Soviet agent of influence".

Indeed, NDPC members appear to court controversy. They were in London yesterday calling a press conference to scotch a rumour that one of their members was behind the assassination of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme.

Last March NDPC caused a rumpus when its members infiltrated the Democratic Party (of which it claims to be a wing) and won votes in a primary election in Illinois. The Democratic candidate for election as governor, Adlai Stevenson III, was so embarrassed by La Rouche's support that he resigned from the official party ticket.

La Rouche, 63, a former Trotskyist, previously known as Lyn Marcus, has since been active on the Aids issue in California through PANIC — the Prevent Aids Now Initiative Committee. *EIR* (annual subscription $400) is a mixture of reportage and imaginative conspiracy theories. Drawing loosely on widespread intelligence contacts, it constructs a fervently anti-Communist picture of a world threatened by Soviet-inspired Shi'ite terrorists, International Monetary Fund officials and even British diplomats.

EIR shows La Rouche's ideas in more detail. He is a republican (that is, an anti-monarchist) who draws particularly on German thinkers (one of his organizations is called the Schiller Institute) to present a supposedly rational political philosophy based on "strong commitment to Western Civilization".

Much of *EIR* has a marked economic content. It lobbies strongly for a New World economic order, saying that current global economic policies co-ordinated by the "Malthusian" IMF have resulted in under-development and conditions ripe for "pandemics", as it terms Aids.

It campaigns against terrorism and drugs. Mrs Thatcher now wins plaudits for her stand on these issues. Indeed, *EIR*'s one-time vehemently anti-British sentiment has been toned down, though it maintains its anti-monarchical bias (currently frequently alluding to alleged drugs at Buckingham Palace and promoting the idea of Palacegate, a constitutional crisis brewing between the Queen and Mrs Thatcher).

According to an *EIR* report published yesterday in London — "A Classical Conspiracy of Soviet Misinformation: Who Killed Olof Palme?" — the party claims that the Russians tried to implicate the European Labour Party (ELP), La Rouche's party in Europe, in the assassination.

ELP has had a presence in Europe since 1974. It has branches in Spain, Italy, France, West Germany, Denmark and Sweden, though not yet in Britain. In West Germany two weeks ago the party established a new front, Patriots for Germany, headed by La Rouche's German wife, Helga Zepp. It aims to field candidates in federal elections in January.

In Britain, apart from the launch of *EIR*, La Rouche's main lobbying is on Aids. Last month his organization assisted Dr John Seale, a British specialist in venereal diseases, to argue his support for Proposition 64 before the California state legislature. Dr Seale, who describes Aids as a catastrophe, agrees that some of La Rouche's ideas are "curious". Nevertheless he will be attending an international conference on Aids organized by *EIR* in West Germany this weekend.

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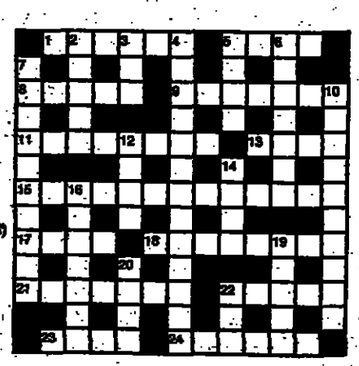

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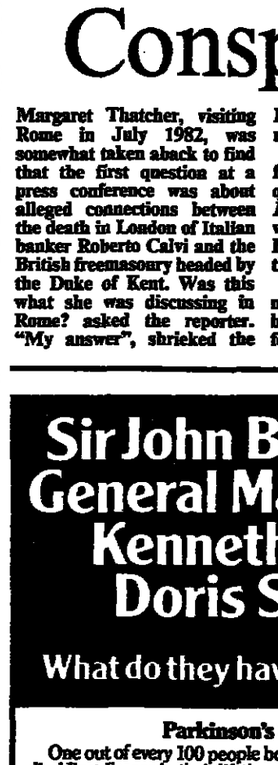

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Fifteen no make that a dozen ways to save time in the office.

1. Matters that don't matter.

Do not waste time on trifles, for time is money.

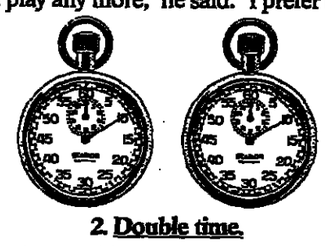
The Texan billionaire Haroldson Hunt realised this and gave up smoking cigars in his office for the simple reason that, "I wasted $300,000 a year just in the time I spent unwrapping and lighting them".

Emulate Einstein's approach to trivial tasks. He used to wash and shave with the same soap, claiming that to use two kinds would "complicate life needlessly".

(You could take this a stage further by following Frederick the Great, who went years without washing at all — but only if you have an office to yourself.)

Be quick to spot when your time is being wasted. A young composer came to play the great Rossini two pieces he had written, in order to see which he preferred.

Half-way through the first piece, Rossini interrupted him. "You need not play any more," he said. "I prefer the other one."



2. Double time.

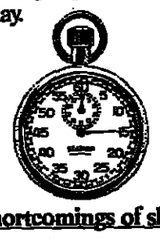
If you can do two things at once, so much the better.

Theodore Roosevelt conducted conferences while being shaved by the White House barber — and Catherine de Medici gave audiences on state business as she dressed.

It is unlikely, however, that you will match the dexterity of the playwright J. M. Barrie.

When he lost the use of his right hand, he practised writing with his left to keep up his work. Later, his right hand recovered — by which time he was so skilled with his left that from then on he used both at once, writing dialogue with his right hand and stage directions with his left.

There must be many people who would give their right arm for such a skill today.



3. The shortcomings of short cuts.

Occasionally you may find that you have to cut a few corners to get a job done on time.

The golden rule in such circumstances is simple: don't get caught.

One man who failed to get away with it was the composer and pianist Percy Grainger.

After he had given a rendering of Greig's 'Ballade' to an audience on Long Island, New York, he was accused of having shortened it. He had to admit it was true.

"I dropped six pages out of the middle so I could catch the 4.58," he said.

4. Pest control.

Taking your telephone off the hook and consigning your paging device to the depths of Britain's underground waterways will free you from many unwanted interruptions — but you will still have to deal with the inevitable plague of personal callers.

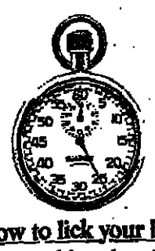
The best way of doing this was demonstrated by our ambidextrous playwright, J. M. Barrie.

A reporter once turned up uninvited on his doorstep and greeted him with, "Sir James Barrie, I presume?"

"You do," retorted Barrie, and shut the door in his face.

If such abruptness should strike you as being unacceptably rude, however, follow the example of John Ruskin, who forestalled unwelcome visitors by sending out the following circular:

"Mr. J. Ruskin is about to begin a work of great importance and therefore begs that in reference to calls and correspondence you will consider him dead for the next two months."



5. How to lick your bumf.

At the end of every working day, the British field marshal Harold Alexander would tip all the letters remaining in his In tray into his Out tray. Eventually, his assistant asked him why.

"It saves time," explained Alexander. "You'd be surprised how little of it comes back."

Yet this method of dealing with correspondence appears ultra-cautious when compared with that of Rita Hayworth.

A friend once found her working her way through a pile of letters, tearing up most of them unopened. "Stop!" he cried. "There may be cheques in there!"

"There are," replied Rita, unperturbed. "But there are bills too. I find they even up."

6. Kp yr lttrs as shrt as poss.

Procrastination, like all other long words, is the thief of time — and therefore to be avoided.

Similarly, there is no need for tautology, as it is quite unnecessary, while jargon is of non-positive utility vis-à-vis the temporal optimality of information-communication.

Aim instead for the brevity of this note sent by a schoolboy to his father:

"S.O.S. L.S.D. R.S.V.P."

(He was asking for money, incidentally.)

Or, if you are replying to a letter, bear in mind the Spartans of ancient Greece. They received a message from their enemies, the Athenians, which read:

"Unless you meet our conditions, we shall wage war on you and, if we defeat you, shall ravage your country, raze your cities to the ground, slaughter your menfolk and enslave your women and children."

The Spartans, being formidable warriors themselves, simply replied: "If . . . ."

7. Brief briefings and short reports.

Reading and writing business reports can be a time-consuming affair — unless you are like Ike.

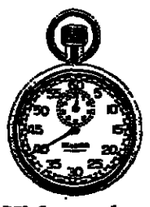
During his first term of office, Eisenhower appointed Arthur Burns as his first chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors.

At their first meeting, Burns suggested that he should send the president a memo outlining a plan for organising the flow of economic advice to the White House.

"Keep it short," said Ike. "I can't read."

"We'll get along fine," smiled Burns. "I can't write."

In the end, the two cut out the paperwork altogether by settling on a one-hour weekly conference of the council and president.



8. High-speed gas.

Meetings are without doubt the biggest waste of time in business life — for when all is said and done, there is always far more said than done.

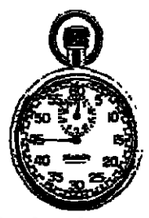
Where possible, adopt the practice of Henry Ford, who used to visit his executives when a problem arose, rather than call them to his own office.

"I go to them to save time," he explained. "I've found that I can leave the other fellow's office a lot quicker than I can get him to leave mine."

Another way to speed up your meetings is to set strict time limits beforehand — whatever the importance of the person you are to talk to.

When the German Kaiser met Theodore Roosevelt after the funeral of King Edward VII, he asked him to call on him the next day "at two o'clock sharp — for I can give you only 45 minutes".

"I will be there at two," replied Roosevelt, "but unfortunately, I have just 20 minutes to give you."



9. Don't wait around.

Irving Thalberg, the U.S. film producer, was usually so busy that his working hours were double- or triple-booked — with the result that people often had to wait for hours in his ante-room before they could see him.

When the Marx brothers came to talk to him about 'A Night at the Opera', however, they refused to waste time just sitting around.

Groucho, Chico and Harpo each lit two fat cigars and began puffing smoke through the crack around his door.

Eventually Thalberg rushed out. "Is there a fire?" he shouted.

"No, there's the Marx brothers," the three replied, and marched into his office.

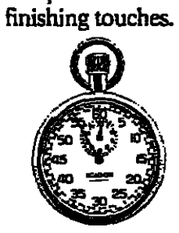
10. Never put off till tomorrow what you can put on to someone else.

Delegating tasks to others is often the key to getting things done quickly.

(Consider Robinson Crusoe, who always got his work done by Friday.)

The quality of the finished work need not be impaired; after all, the great Flemish artist Rubens often employed less gifted men to help him out.

By the time he was thirty, he had more orders for paintings than he could cope with on his own — so he allowed others to prepare his canvasses and paint in the foundation details, while he merely applied the finishing touches.



11. Expert advice — at a price.

Do not hesitate to seek outside help when confronted with a problem which is clearly beyond you.

General Electric of America once suffered a breakdown in a complex system of machines and spent ages trying (without success) to locate the fault themselves.

Eventually, they called in Charles Steinmetz, an electrical engineer who had retired from GE some time previously.

Steinmetz spent a little while walking around, testing various parts of the machinery. Finally, he took a piece of chalk out of his pocket and marked an X on a particular spot.

The machine was stripped down — and the GE men were astonished to find that the defect lay precisely where Steinmetz had made his mark.

There is a further point to this story, though: you must be prepared to pay the price for such expertise.

When General Electric received a bill from Steinmetz for $10,000 a few days later, they protested about the amount and asked him to itemise it. Steinmetz duly sent back an itemised bill:

"Making one chalk mark . . . $ 1

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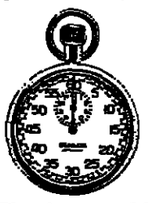

12. The time machine.

Always use the fastest office equipment available to you — such as the LQ2500, the new 24-pin dot-matrix printer from Epson.

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The print quality of the LQ2500 is equally sharp, for it has five letter-quality fonts built in. Furthermore, changing between them does not involve the lengthy business of making software commands; to choose a new typestyle, you simply press one or two buttons on the LCD 'Selectype' panel on the front.

The LQ2500 comes with a powerful 8K buffer as standard to allow your computer to get on with other tasks while it is printing. (See again section 2.)

IBM-compatibility also comes as standard — and of course, the LQ2500 is every bit as reliable as you would expect an Epson to be.

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For further information, either: write to Epson (U.K.) Limited, Freepost, Birmingham B37 5BR; call up Prestel *280#; or dial 100 and ask for Freefone Epson.

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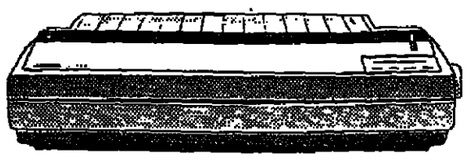

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FASHION

Making up to the stars

Last Thursday a well-respected, popular but ageing lady showed her new face-lift to the world. Dickins and Jones, the old-established Regent Street store, has gone in for a little cosmetic surgery. And the new beauty hall, a shimmering *palazzo* of pastel marble, is the centrepiece of the transformation.

The store's energetic young managing director, Paul Taylor, says that the elegant new beauty area gleaming on the ground floor, and the lively lower ground floor deveted to men's fashion and teenage style, are only the beginning of the Dickins and Jones update to high fashion which will continue through 1987.

It is significant that beauty comes first, for both women themselves and the retail trade who serve them are paying a great deal of attention and money to cosmetics. The roll-call of upmarket names taking counter space in Dickins and Jones includes international stars from Laszlo to Lauder. Harrods, sister store to Dickins in the Fraser group, already has two magnificent temples to beauty, for cosmetics and fragrance.

The importance of beauty is now understood in the high street, where attractively packaged beauty products are selling in Next and Marks and Spencer, as well as more traditionally in Boots and local chemists.

Because of the star status given to beauty counters, the cosmetic houses themselves are looking to the stars for inspiration. Estée Lauder, always acutely aware of fashion trends in make-up, has created a range for what she describes as "life at the top". Light and radiance are the keynotes of her Star World Colours, which use silver in all its shades, from granite grey to smokey white, to highlight a palette of rich spicy reds and sharper greens. New is a pearly skin covering, used over or under make-up, called the Lightworks Colour Balancer. A sponge-on powder Eye Definer is another product designed to give translucence to conventional colour.

Chanel could revolutionize beauty counters with its Les Irrésistibles collection. Realizing how closely women identify with the image of a fragrance, Chanel has linked its cosmetic stories to its fragrances: the trail-blazing Coco, No 19, and the famous No 5 — newly relaunched with the face of French film star Carole Bouquet.

The nouvelle couture requires a different and more carefully finished make-up that spells the end of the "natural" look. Powder is the vital ingredient but the newest products are a world away from the caked-on face-finishers of earlier days.

The face of Coco: make-up by Tink using Chanel's Les Irrésistibles. Hair by Mario at Schuml. Coco scent bottle earring, Chanel hair bow and gilt buttoned sweater from Chanel, 25 Old Bond Street, W1 and 31 Sloane Street, SW1. Photograph by CHRIS DAWES

Yves Saint Laurent has just produced a brand new Silk Finish Powder with a slightly iridescent effect. The four different colours, from Chamois beige to Pink Hyacinth, all give the look of fine porcelain, and complement the wilder YSL *fauve* make-up.

Max Factor, who started with the Hollywood stars, has some shimmering and silky Colorfast cosmetics, including duo eyeshadows in rich mauve and violet. Boots No 7 autumn colours include Pearlessence powder shadows in vineyard colours.

Even Rimmel, at the popular end of the market-place, is reaching for the stars with its Leading Lights collection in strong metallic shades dubbed Solar Streamers and Cosmic Colours. They are shot with gold flecks, lit with silver grey, and are to be followed next month by a palette of blue and mauve colours destined for the party season and described as Metallic Moon.

Provocations of desire...

BOOKS

What is the morality of dressing in fresh flowers for a fancy dress ball? Of putting your doggie in a wing collar? Of ignoring dress bills like La Belle Otero, courtesan of the naughty nineties?

These are not questions addressed by Hebe Dorsey in *The Belle Epoque*, a romping look at a society based on class and money, laced with style.

The *Paris Herald* was the tribal noticeboard of Edwardian society, and this rich archive gives a vivid portrait of an effervescent era.

The cast of bon viveurs and beauties includes Edward VII, in his formal suits and scarlet socks, and his mistress Lillie Langtry, whose poodle, clipped to read L.L., made news in the *Herald's* "Kennel" column.

The Belle Epoque is not a fashion book, but the society it deals with was permeated by style. Even the new sports brought the bicycling Amelia and her bloomers.

Edwardian society might have agreed that "the best dressers of every age have always been the worst men and women", one of many fascinating and apposite quotations from *Dress and Morality*, by Aileen Ribeiro, who charts the outrage imposed by changing fashions on those who see lust in every bust.

Moralists inveighed against lavishness in dress and designed the sumptuary laws to keep the classes in their sartorial places. The long 16th Century train was considered a sin of pride but a low neckline morally acceptable.

Sexual morality is the story of Dr Ribeiro's meticulously researched and racy book. Fashion through the ages is seen as a seething cauldron of sexuality, bobbing with buxom bosoms, negligent necklines, tight Elizabethan hose for men and seductive 18th Century lacing for women. Our own age is guilty of the "sexual message of the zip fastener" and of recreating the 18th Century "bum shop" in buttock-moulding underwear.

There is nothing new under the bustle. Women were accused by Billy Graham in 1955 of dressing "to bring impure thoughts to the minds of men". Or as *The Anatomy of Melancholy* had put it 300 years before: "the greatest provocations of lust are from our apparell".

Left: the corset, the "soul of the toilette" from *The Belle Epoque* by Hebe Dorsey, Thames and Hudson, £20. Right: uplifting underwear from *Dress and Morality* by Aileen Ribeiro, Batsford, £14.95

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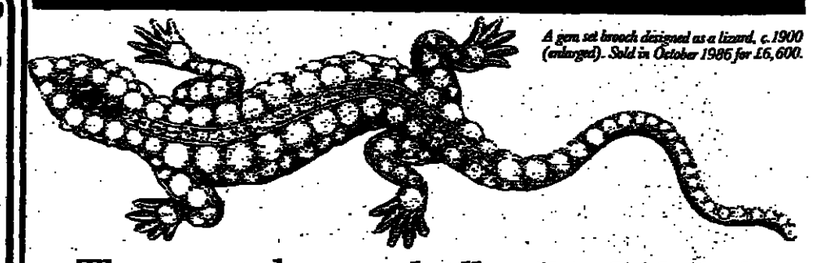

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From a woman's point of view

Fashion couturiers have traditionally been male, but women are fighting back, with clothes designed to cope with the realities of the female form and lifestyle

Fashion this century has been dominated by male designers. But it was the great Mlle Chanel who liberated us by adapting men's clothes to the new woman. Now in the post-feminist era comes a new breed of designer who is making clothes from a woman's point of view.

The unifying factor is an awareness of a woman's body — what Jeanette Todd, chief designer of the Burton Group, calls "our lumps and bumps". Comfort is also crucial. Soft and easy fabrics unite two women designers: Sonia Rykiel, who has made knits her fashion trademark, and New York's Donna Karan, who has challenged hard-edged executive tailoring with softly draped jersey.

It is a commonly held view that because many male fashion designers are homosexual, they have an unrealistic, idealized and uncompromisingly-odd view of women. Edina Ronay suggests that the reason is more practical: that the only female bodies which such designers see are the string-bean models who stride down the international catwalks. The old-style couturier, who encountered duchesses, frumps and film stars in their corsets, probably understood the female body better than the ready-to-wear creators.

Practicality is a keynote of women's designing even though, at its finest, it can mean the impeccable elegance and complex cut of a Jean Muir dress. Women designers make things in the finest suedes and silks, but they also understand about care and maintenance.

"We joke that she is the best wear-tester", says Betty Jackson's design assistant Simon Young. "Betty has this tendency to put everything in the boil wash." Other women will always be grateful to Katharine Hamnett for telling the fashion world to throw away the iron.

Hamnett is a maverick designer in another way. She is a self-avowed feminist, yet she designs clothes with a strident sexual message. Women designers traditionally go gently on the body while admiring the creative cut of more revealing clothes. Model Susie Kydd, whose well-developed curves make her a hot fashion property, describes Azzedine Alaia's body-moulding clothes as having "no privacy".

The women designers, many of them mothers themselves and pushing middle age, are not prepared to give their customers no hiding place for a rounded stomach, child-bearing hips and tender breasts when a period is due.

There is something to be said for fashion that admits that we are all sisters under our clothes.

NICOLE FARHI

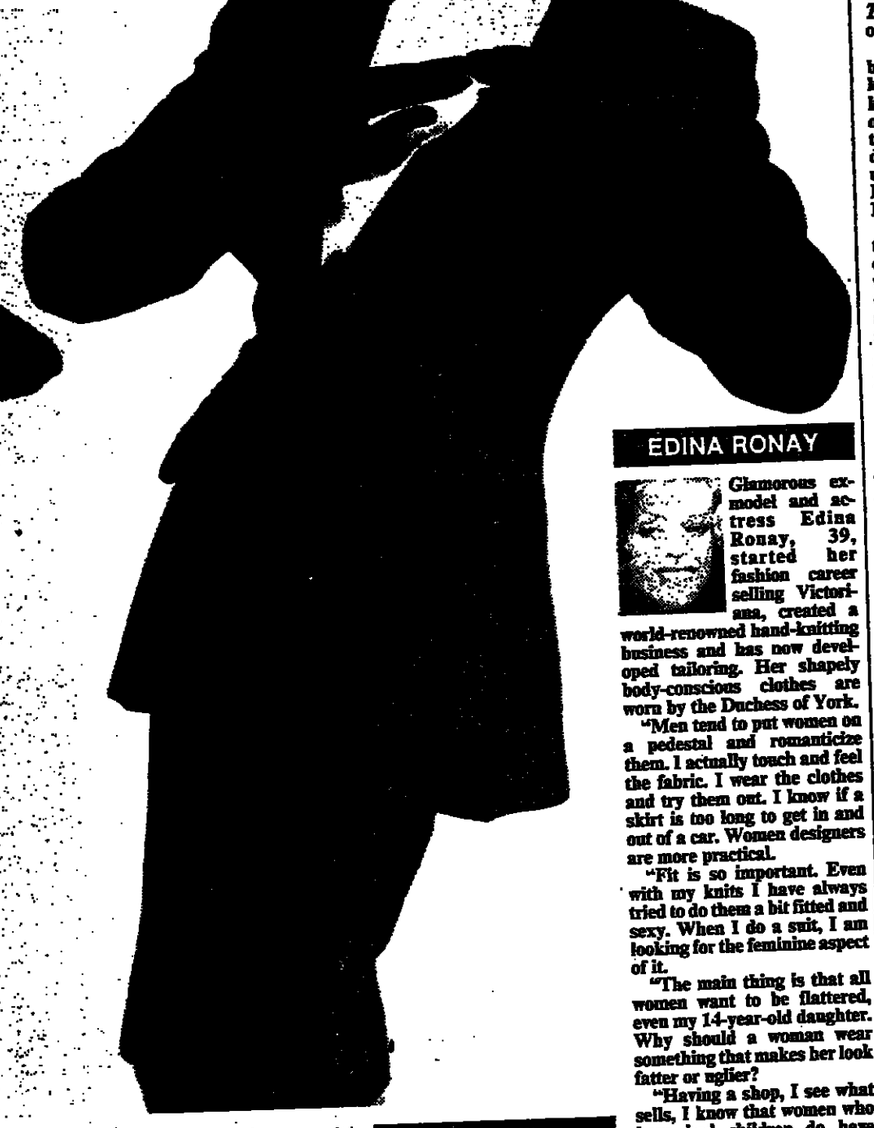
Recently emerged from behind the French Connection label, Nicole Farhi, 40, trained in France. "I design clothes the way I am. Men tend to design the way they fancy a woman to be. I like simplicity, good quality and cut. These jersey trousers follow the line of the body but are a little bit soft on the hips. Fabrics are important to me."

RIGHT: Nicole Farhi's camel polo-neck sweater £65, draped jersey trousers £85, both also in black, jade, blue from Fenwicks, New Bond Street, W1, Selfridges, W1 and Nicole Farhi shops at 25-26 St Christopher's Place, W1, Harrogate and Manchester. Shoes £99 from Stephane Kelian, 49 Sloane Street, SW1. Earrings by Chanel

BETTY JACKSON

Last week Betty Jackson, 37, produced a son, two weeks after showing a new collection. Women know about the big hips and the sloping shoulders. They have first-hand experience. I don't think designing should be personal, but I make clothes for an independent woman who has my kind of lifestyle. Versatility is the key."

BELOW: Betty Jackson's marled wool sweater £137.50, black and white pleat skirt £250, both from Harvey Nichols, SW1 and Marcus Price, Newcastle upon Tyne. Sweater also Harrods, SW1; skirt also Monk's Dormitory, Colchester. Poodle brooch by Monty Don £75, sunglasses by Stephen Rothholtz £30, both Harrods and Harvey Nichols



EDINA RONAY

Glamorous ex-model and actress Edina Ronay, 39, started her fashion career selling Victoriana, created a world-renowned hand-knitting business and has now developed tailoring. Her shapely body-conscious clothes are worn by the Duchess of York.

"Men tend to put women on a pedestal and romanticize them. I actually touch and feel the fabric. I wear the clothes and try them out. I know if a skirt is too long to get in and out of a car. Women designers are more practical.

"Fit is so important. Even with my knits I have always tried to do them a bit fitted and sexy. When I do a suit, I am looking for the feminine aspect of it.

"The main thing is that all women want to be flattered, even my 14-year-old daughter. Why should a woman wear something that makes her look fatter or uglier?

"Having a shop, I see what sells, I know that women who have had children do have stomachs and I put little peplums at the waist in my jersey collection. Women should spend money on clothes to make them look and feel better."

ABOVE LEFT: Edina Ronay's moss green wool suit with black velvet collar and cuffs, jacket £278, skirt £216, and blouse, all from her shop at 141 Kings Road, SW3, Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1, Liberty, Regent Street, W1. Tassel earrings from Fenwicks, W1, gloves by Donna Karan from Browns, W1

LIZ DAVIES

Design director for Next is Liz Davies, 33, who trained at Leicester, her home town, and designed lingerie for Courtaulds and fashion for Pippa Dee before helping to set up Next in 1982.

"I wear a lot of Next. We all do wear tests and find that if a garment is a popular line, it suits most figure types. I think these knits make a strong statement in a quiet way. It's fabulous quality, layers up when it gets cold, mixes with woven fabrics and is versatile.

"We work closely with our sales team. There is still a difference between London and outside, where people are more conservative. My life centres round work, so I like to feel comfortable."

LEFT: Liz Davies's grey and black stripe lambswool separates for Next: polo collared sweater £22.99, double-breasted buttoned cardigan £36.99, straight skirt £21.99, from Next Too, Oxford Street, W1 and branches

JEANETTE TODD

Director of Design Management for the Burton group, Jeanette Todd, 38, is responsible for the Principles range. She trained in Edinburgh and at the London College of Fashion, with work experience at John Cavanagh, Jean Muir, Murray Arbeid, Jean Allen and Charnos.

"I am a feminist and I believe that women designers are much more aware of problems of the body — that we are not all perfect. Men may get a more fluid line, but they don't think about the bumps and lumps.

"The difference is a practical one, not aesthetic. I don't like fancy dress and I think about the clothes rather than having an image in mind. I like to think about people who are size 16 or 18 and make them look wonderful. This suede shirt was made for me. I wore it and everyone liked it."

LEFT: Jeanette Todd's suede cowgirl suit: shirt £159, dirndl skirt £159. Suede belt £29.99. All from Principles at Harvey Nichols and main branches. Scarf from Fenwicks, W1, boots £45.99 by Bally

Make-up by Ariane Poole
Hair by Peter Forrester for Daniel Galvin Colour Salon

Photographs by CHRIS DAWES

PEOPLE

Artistic licence

I hear that *Hermès* is causing a furore in the beauty business. Hermès, best known for its horsey headscarves as worn by *H. M.*, has been polishing up its image with the help of its new young designer *Eric Bergère*, best friend of Patou's new wonderboy *Christian Lacroix*. To endorse the impeccable upperclass connections, Hermès has now taken on as house muse *Isabelle Townsend*, daughter of *Group Captain Peter Townsend*, erstwhile friend of *Princess Margaret*.

The burghers of the beauty business, who don't know much about art but know what they don't like, objected to what they thought was a nude rendition of La Belle Isabelle, used to launch Hermès's BelAmi men's fragrance in London this week.

Amid red faces all round, the beauty people discovered that the dubious nude was a famous gouache by *Gustav Klimt*, which was all right for Fortnums but still cuts no ice with Harrods and Selfridges. Hermès should know better than to frighten the horsey . . .

Cats' eyes

Why did the rich and famous at last week's party at Cartier have eyes only for one chic gold panther prancing in its show case? Much more glittering diamonds and opulent jewels were being worn by delicious model girls wearing grand evening gowns by Victor Edelstein, a star guest at Wednesday's bash. Could it be that the new Duchess of York, who has been wearing her distinctive panther with its dangling key-ring chain on every recent outing, is starting a trend?

Model jeans

Fashion *aficionados* were agog to see who would follow in the raunchy hamsches of *Nick Kamen*, star of cult Levi ads *Launderette* and *Bath*. The hot tip was busty *Susie Kydd* (modelling on the Fashion page today). But when the *No Blue Jeans* siga flashed up at the Royal College of Art private screening last Thursday, stunt man *Eddie Kydd* (no relation) and his black Levi 501s were making it to El Paradiso, the hottest club in town. He was surrounded by sugar-candy sweethearts in bobby-socks and pony-tails while 1960s crooner *Ben E. King* sang "Stand By Me". The two other model hopefuls are *Andrew Castell* and *Rachel Roberts* who star in *Parting*, the story of a GI who leaves his sweetheart his torn and tattered jeans as a token of his love. On your screens next year.

SPECIAL OFFER

KAFFE FASSETT KNITTING KIT

Kaffe Fassett, author of the best-selling book 'Glorious Knitting', has designed this magnificent jumper for us inspired by the patterning on chintz, brocade and damask fabrics. The three dimensional patterning is achieved with only two main colours — a camel flecked tweed on a deeper grey background — brought to life by strips of Victorian peacock colours: Burgundy, turquoise, maroon, powder blue and pink.

The kit comes complete with all the wools, pattern and chart. All the yarns are 100% pure wool, in tweeds and double knitting, dyed to Kaffe Fassett's own colour specifications. It is a large jersey, in one size only, to fit up to size 40" worn loosely. Its classic shape and the subtle blend of colours make it an easy and flattering garment to wear. The kit, at £36.50 including postage and packing, represents excellent value for an exclusive Kaffe Fassett design. When ordering use FREEPOST — No stamp needed.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Maggie's monitor

Mrs Thatcher, I hear, is about to clip the wings of her high-flying Education Secretary, Kenneth Baker. To keep closer watch on the selective press leaks currently springing from Baker's office, the Prime Minister's press secretary, Bernard Ingham, has contrived to place one of his cronies at his side. She is Liz Drummond, who formerly served under Ingham at No 10 and is at present chief press officer at the Home Office. A close friend of Ingham's, she is known to have got on extremely well with Mrs Thatcher during her Downing Street days. The move, expected next month, means that Baker's current head of information at the Department of Education, Neville Gaffin, is being shifted to a relatively obscure job at the Cabinet Office. Sources say that Ingham's appointee at the DES was presented as a *fait accompli*, leaving no room for the normal process whereby candidates are proposed by the Central Office of Information. Baker, 52 yesterday, was not available for comment.

New mutual

I have sensational news for holders of Barclay and Lloyds cash dispenser cards: they can now be used in each other's machines. Work to link the two banks' systems has been in hand for some time and in the last few weeks the system has been up and running. Customers have not been told because, says a Barclay spokesman, "We're ironing out the bugs before announcing it." While they are at it, they could try ironing out the bugs on the existing system.

Money talks

Eat his words time for Michael Howard MP, who in his maiden speech in June 1983 entered a passionate plea for simplicity in legislation. At all times, he said, ministers should ask themselves: "Is this concept too refined to be capable of expression in basic English?" When last year he became a minister his first piece of legislation was the Financial Services Bill. So complicated and intricately worded has it become that it runs to 287 pages and 581 amendments. As a chastened Howard puts it now: "Clarification involves complication"

Weighty Waites

Britain is about to experience another do-gooding Waite. As Terry struggles to free hostages in Lebanon, cousin John is to take over Radio Four's crusading consumer show, *Face the Facts*, presented last season by Margo MacDonald. Waite will be winkling out sharks, conmen and swindlers. "They can destroy lives as certainly as the Islamic Jihad," he assures me.

BARRY FANTONI

'I name this ship — Good Heavens, This Stuff's Undrinkable . . .'

Y-frontline

Again under threat of Iranian attack, the Iraqi authorities are becoming concerned by reports that faint-hearted soldiers have been preparing "surrender pacts". To make any surrenders more difficult, I understand, the Iraqi government has resolved to end army supplies of white underwear.

Peace pipe

Is Lady Olga Maitland, of Familes for Defence, waging a war of disinformation on the Peace Pledge Union, promoters of the controversial white "peace" poppies? "The white poppy is the opium poppy," she confides. I fear that the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew assures me that any old poppy can be white, and although the opium poppy is sometimes white, it generally comes in "a variety of pale purple colours".

Police polish

I cannot think what has happened to the Devon and Cornwall Costabulary since the departure of John Alderson, the media-conscious chief constable who saw coppers as social workers. The constabulary's internal news review, *Sentinel*, reports on a campaign to polish up police manners. Superintendent Arthur Coad confides that "more and more frequently police haven't a clue" about how to talk to the public. "Incivility, carelessness and plain bad manners make up the majority of complaints against the police." What is more, he adds: "In my 34 years I have never been aware of any attempt by the police service to train our people to speak to the public."

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America's flawed democracy

by John Grigg

Anyone who read Theodore White's original book on the making of an American president — the one describing the election from which John F. Kennedy emerged the victor — can hardly have forgotten how sheer money power enabled Kennedy to secure the Democratic nomination.

While his principal rival, Hubert Humphrey, was speaking to small crowds at street corners in the important West Virginia primary, Kennedy was able to buy prime time on local television and so reach the maximum audience with the minimum effort. Not surprisingly, he won in West Virginia, and the same pattern was repeated in many other states.

It is now recognized that the main contest in 1960, between Kennedy and Nixon, was also scandalous in that the eventual result was decided nationwide by a few highly dubious votes in one county of one state. Since American presidents are still chosen by an electoral college rather than by pure universal suffrage, Kennedy depended for his victory on winning the state of Illinois, which he carried only by the slenderest of majorities attributable entirely to Mayor Daley's experienced "management" in Cook county (Chicago). If the count had been of genuine votes, it is more than likely that Nixon would have carried Illinois, whose electoral college votes would then have given him, rather than Kennedy, the presidency.

The vagaries of the American voting system are no worse than those that our own produces, and we are not well placed to criticize it so long as ours is such a mess. But we can more reasonably ask why the Americans, whose democratic instincts are in many ways stronger than ours, continue to tolerate the subversion of their democratic system by the unbridled use of cash.

It is one thing for this phenomenon to be seen, for instance, in Queensland, where Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen has just obtained yet another lease of power partly through almost unlimited expenditure. But Queensland is only one unit in a democratic commonwealth itself relatively small in terms of population. It is not the world's only democratic superpower. American democracy thus flawed is damaging to us all.

In the current mid-term elections the Republicans have had an overwhelming preponderance of money power. This would be unfair enough even if it has done no more than enable them to have a more efficient organization, to issue more literature and to stick more posters. But it has done far more than that.

Since US broadcasting is not based on the public service principle, the supreme advantage enjoyed by the richer candidates is that they have disproportionate access to the most powerful medium of publicity. They are all in the position of Kennedy in the West Virginia primary.

One consequence of the system as it now operates is that, to be a candidate for office at federal or even state level, a person must either start with large personal wealth or gain the support of wealthy backers, which will, inevitably, limit his or her political independence. Poor citizens with minds of their own and glowing ideals have virtually no chance of being nominated, let alone elected. In practice, the sort of Mr Smith so movingly portrayed by James Stewart in an old movie does *not* go to Washington. He knows better than to try.

But it is not only that any number of individuals of talent, character and potential value to the Republic are effectively excluded from serving. Another evil consequence of the system is that new parties are equally at a disadvantage, so that the antique and often meaningless duopoly of Republicans and Democrats cannot be breached. The system has arrived at a state of rigidity which could lead to *rigor mortis*.

Those who wish to remove the disastrous flaw resulting from uncontrolled money are faced, I know, with apparently insuperable difficulties in the guarantee of freedom of information provided by the Constitution. But experience shows that the Americans can be amazingly successful in surmounting constitutional obstacles when once they are convinced that something urgently needs to be done.

The ultimate difficulty in this case may lie in themselves. To the extent that they tend to regard money as the most reliable index of merit and virtue, they cannot grasp the urgency, for their democracy's sake, of modifying that attitude to take account of other indices, no less valid, and also to take account of the corruption, prejudice and injustice that may flow from making wealth paramount.

For democracy to work properly, and to be worthy of its name, the system needs to produce a true reflection of popular opinions and wishes. To that end, there needs to be not only a fair franchise, but also fair conditions in which the franchise can be exercised. For such conditions to be attained, public service broadcasting and effective control of political expenditure are both, ideally, desirable. In the absence of either, American democracy remains vitiated.

Nicholas Bethell on the link between human rights and arms control

No peace while men like these suffer

The Helsinki Agreement's third review conference, begins today in Vienna, exactly 30 years since Soviet troops entered Budapest to crush the Hungarian uprising.

Now, Reykjavik or no Reykjavik, the superpowers are duty bound to discuss disarmament again, this time flanked by their allies, to review and renew their 1975 promise "to broaden, deepen and make continuing and lasting the process of detente" on the basis of a set of principles and three "baskets" of topics: security, industry and culture.

A large part of the agreement is by now common ground. The contents of the first "basket", covering security and disarmament, have been debated at length in Stockholm, and on September 19 agreement was reached by which Nato and the Warsaw Pact will announce and observe all large-scale military manoeuvres. The second "basket", industrial cooperation, presents few problems. If there were better East-West understanding, we could indeed develop more effective means of producing energy and preserving the environment. Vienna could well succeed, one might imagine, if only the set of principles and "basket three" did not touch on the subject that all diplomats dread, the other side's violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

In 1975, Leonid Brezhnev, like the other 34 leaders at Helsinki, promised to respect "freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief" and to "promote and encourage the effective exercise of civil, political, economic, social, cultural and other rights and freedoms, all of which derive from the inherent dignity of the human person."

The world reacted with amazement and scepticism, but not without hope. The agreement's text was printed in *Izvestia* and a few months later the well-known physicist, Yuri Orlov, set up a group to monitor its provisions. The group included the Jewish activist, AnatolyShcharansky, and Dr Sakharov's wife, Elena. Ludmilla Alekseyeva, another member, says: "People read the text in the paper and said, 'Look, President Brezhnev has given us all these human rights.' They thought it must mean something."

In fact, it meant very little, the best proof of which is the treatment Dr Orlov and his group received for daring to take their country's leader at his word. One by one they were arrested or forced into exile and it is only this year, after the release of Orlov and Shcharansky after nine years' detention in exchanges for alleged spies, that the West has been able to find out exactly what this treatment involved.

Shcharansky's first serious problem in the Perm labour camp complex was in March 1981. He carried with him a book of psalms given him by his wife, Avital. The camp authorities confiscated it: "I made an official complaint, but the prosecutor said, 'It is our duty to protect you against the harmful effects of religious propaganda'. He refused to give it back, so I stopped working. I went on strike."

He was then sent into solitary confinement for 130 days.This involves complete isolation with no reading matter, a diet of bread and water one day with bread, water and soup the next, a daily average of 950 calories, and the cell temperature so cold in winter that the prisoner, who is allowed no warm clothes and no bedding whatever, cannot sleep for more than a few minutes at a time. In his nine years of prison, Shcharansky spent a total of 409 days in these conditions.

In September 1981, Shcharansky got his psalm book back, but he was transferred to Chistopol prison. During 1982 he was not allowed to send or receive letters from his family, so in October that year he declared a hunger strike: "After a few days I became very weak. So they started feeding me by force. I was handcuffed, held down and a tube pushed down my throat. Food was then pumped in through the tube. The first reaction is one of shock to the stomach. I used to gasp for breath and my heart rate went up, once to about 200 beats a minute.

"The next day you feel much better. You can even walk. But the day after that you start losing your strength. On the third day you're worse, almost unconscious. So they force feed you again. So it goes on, every three days'."

In a recent interview, Orlov also described his 155 days in isolation cells. He is 62, a lot older than Shcharansky, and he recalls a constant feeling of dizziness through cold, lack of food and lack of sleep. The two men have thus provided vivid and recent testimony showing that it is still Soviet policy to use physical cruelty to break the will of political prisoners, even those well known in the West.

It is this aspect of Soviet behaviour that most of all damages any prospect of renewed East-West detente. Brezhnev broke his promise over fundamental freedoms. He did not even make any significant step in that direction. If anything, things are worse.

Soviet citizens who seek to marry foreigners are still kept waiting for permission, sometimes for years. The Daniloff case makes mockery of the Helsinki promise not to expel "nor otherwise penalize" foreign journalists. Families remain split, unable to reunite either permanently or for visits. Many Soviet citizens are allowed no mail from abroad, in violation of the universal postal convention, and their telephones are cut off for political reasons.

Anatoly Marchenko, one of Dr Orlov's original monitors, is today on hunger strike in Chistopol prison. Anatoly Koryagin, who monitored the KGB's abuse of psychiatry, is in a labour camp. The number of Jews allowed to emigrate has plummeted since the 1970s and is now almost zero.

Western public opinion reacts to this with horror and terror. It causes us to distrust and fear the Soviet Union. It strengthens our resolve to defend ourselves. Our feelings therefore about the repression of Soviet dissidents are not only "bourgeois" soft-heartedness, still less do they arise from any malicious or dangerous urge to overthrow Russia's Communist system. They are the result of a belief that so long as these abuses continue there can be no firmly based peace.

This was the thrust of Orlov's own remarks to President Reagan two days after he was thrown out of Russia: "Disarmament is not the main thing. Nuclear weapons can never be entirely done away with. Even if they are all destroyed, the technology remains, factories remain. So long as there is mistrust between East and West, resulting from KGB repressions, there is a risk that the weapons will be rebuilt.

"The only answer is to allow the Soviet people to mix with the outside world and receive information freely. It is not a matter of destroying our socialist society, but the country must become more open. People must no longer be arrested for providing information. If they are, it is not only a violation of human rights, it also makes nuclear war more likely."

Only if the Western negotiators in Vienna can convince the Soviet Union that a clear link exists between nuclear arms and the treatment of men like Orlov and Shcharansky is there any chance that the meeting, or any new Reykjavik, will succeed.

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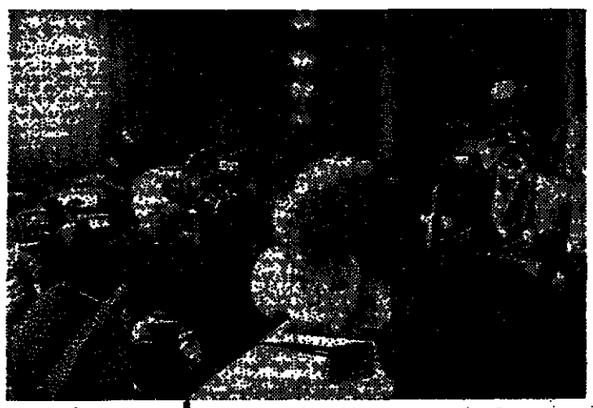
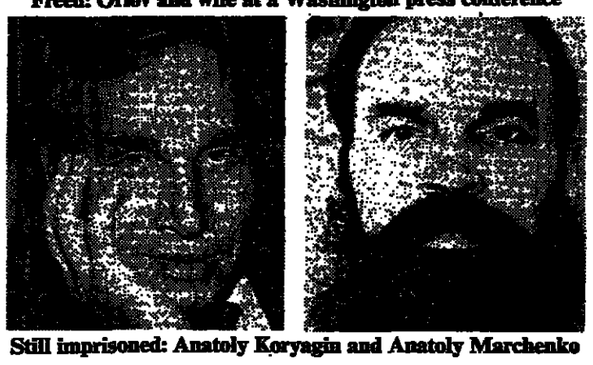


Freed: Orlov and wife at a Washington press conference



Still imprisoned: Anatoly Koryagin and Anatoly Marchenko

Rosemary Righter reveals the secret affiliation of the man aiming to get Britain back into Unesco

M'Bow's best friend, at $3,000 a month

Unesco's relations with the western press have been stormy for over a decade. Its controversial policies and the eccentricities of its management under Amadou Mahtar M'Bow, its director-general since 1974, have courted critical investigation of the kind no organization welcomes.

Tensions have been unavoidable. M'Bow has put Unesco virtually on a war footing with journals from *Le Monde* to *The Economist*. Those journalists who have seriously breached the wall of secrecy behind which M'Bow constrains his bureaucrats to operate have been subjected to personal abuse and, in the case of *L'Express*, to litigation brought by M'Bow himself.

A generally favourable account of M'Bow's stewardship of Unesco has, however, appeared in *The Guardian*. For the past 18 months, and particularly in the three before Britain's withdrawal last December, reports and features in *The Guardian* by Arthur Gavshon, a retired Associated Press correspondent, have asserted that Mrs Thatcher acted as President Reagan's poodle and against Britain's interests first in putting Unesco on notice and then in leaving.

The evidence offered by Gavshon is weak. Britain's withdrawal was based on its own pessimistic assessment of Unesco. The Americans may have wished, after their own departure, to help edge Britain through the door, but were politely told that the government must reach its own decision, and Foreign Office officials and ministers alike were careful to distance themselves from diplomatic pressures. Gavshon's articles conveniently overlooked resignation statements by some of Unesco's most respected staff and the increasingly outspoken demands for reform by other member governments.

Remote as it is from the real facts about either Unesco or Britain, the myth promoted by Gavshon does bear a striking resemblance to M'Bow's own conspiracy theory, set out most recently in the October 24 *Nouvel Observateur*. This is perhaps not surprising. From June 1985, under consultant contracts sometimes worth $3,000 a month plus generous expenses, Gavshon has been directly in Unesco's pay.

Travelling frequently to Unesco for consultations and required to report at least monthly to Doudou Diene, M'Bow's principal spokesman and acting head of Unesco's external relations department, Gavshon has been given sweeping responsibilities. They have included providing Unesco material to the British media, advising Unesco on its public relations here and promoting an information strategy through the United Nations Association, wining and dining MPs and mobilizing efforts first to prevent Britain's departure and now to encourage its return. In the last six months of last year alone, the cost to Unesco was around $25,000.

Gavshon's contract was again renewed last June, effectively as Unesco's liaison officer in Britain, after he reported to Diene that he and Lord Ennals, president of the United Nations Association, had jointly planned the launching of a new group to campaign for Britain's return. Those he had successfully canvassed for support, Gavshon told Unesco, included Labour and Liberal MPs and Tories such as Sir Anthony Kershaw, chairman of the Commons foreign affairs committee, Rowen Wells and — provided his name was kept out of the limelight — Edward Heath.

Friends of Unesco will be launched today, Unesco's 40th anniversary, under the direction of Wells and Ennals at the House of Commons. Lord Ennals, who is an old friend of Gavshon, yesterday said that it was "inconceivable" that Gavshon could have been paid by Unesco.

There is nothing to prevent Unesco from lobbying British public opinion or seeking to influence the press. But for someone on Unesco's payroll to pose as an independent journalist and lobbyist takes matters somewhat further.

The secrecy surrounding Gavshon's contracts and activities, the details of which are supervized only by M'Bow's most trusted aides, indicates Unesco's awareness of the questionable nature of its chosen method. Gavshon, asked yesterday whether he had told *The Guardian* first, said "No," but quickly added: "I don't think I am called on to discuss, it's between *The Guardian* and myself." The deputy editor of *The Guardian* said yesterday that he was unaware of Gavshon's position with Unesco.

Digby Anderson

Lighting up a new debate

There are some things which "you just don't say", unless you wish to be spat upon. Of course everyone says these unsayable things, but they do so only behind closed doors and surrounded by like-minded people.

It is not done, at least among the supposedly educated classes, publicly to make pejorative remarks about northerners, although you can be as rude as you like about southerners. One may sneer — indeed it has become socially obligatory to do so — at the middle classes, especially the lower middle classes, but not at the lower orders. It is still dangerous, even after seven years of Mrs Thatcher, to suggest that any of the poor, the sick or the criminal might bear some responsibility for their poverty, sickness or crime. And it is a very brave or foolish man who will point to the valuable role played by spontaneously produced stigma, exclusion, gossip, secrecy and fear — as well as praise, emulation, and positive reward — in maintaining social order.

There is an intriguing sub-group of these unsayable things. Things which are "over". They are matters on which it was possible, even mandatory, to hold one of several views but now they have been decided: topics which were once on the agenda for debate but are now "over". I fear that South Africa is more or less "over". Those who supported South Africa, or rather did not support the subversion of South Africa, have simply stopped expressing their views — for all I know even holding them — and have moved on to some other topic.

Capital punishment is "over", for "serious" politicians that is. Society's sixth form had its debate on hanging and regards the clamours of third formers to bring back the topic as showing predictable ignorance about the procedures of agenda. Edutation vouchers are pronounced "over" once every year. Express views whch are "over" and you will not be spat on, just positively ignored. And that, in a publicity hungry age, is worse.

So the authors of a recent book on smoking, *Smoking and society: a more balanced assessment* (edited by Robert Tollison, Lexington Books) are much to be congratulated. There is nothing the anti-smoking lobby wants more than to have the smoking debate declared "over". In the Seventies smoking and health was a subject for debate. By the 1983 World Conference on Smoking and Health at Winnipeg, the anti-smokers were declaring that the scientific facts had decided the issue, the scientific debate was "over"; all that remained was the formulation of policies to reduce and ultimately eliminate smoking. But Professor Tollison and his colleagues are obstinate: the debate remains open.

Or rather debates: there are several. There is a debate about whether smoking *causes* lung cancer, coronary heart disease and other medical problems; a debate, argues one contributor, flawed by questionable data bases and problems of self-selection and around a hypothesis which does not explain how a given amount of smoking produces quite different health effects in different countries. The scientific facts are certainly compatible with a view that some persons are constitutionally predisposed to these illnesses and to smoking rather than the latter causing the former. What is clear is that the facts are *not* conclusive.

There is a debate about whether smokers' smoking has serious effects on the health of non-smokers sharing offices, bars or factories with them — so-called passive smokers. No substantial evidence is found to suggest that it does. This does not mean that non-smokers may not find smokers' smoking unpleasant, but that is yet another debate and one which includes many other activities — such as the playing of music in public places. These are matters which do not, despite the anti-smoker lobby's pleas for government regulation, necessarily require state intrusion. They can be dealt with by the market-inspired wish of cafes, bars and shops to cater for the majority of their customers.

There is a debate about why young people smoke. It may have far more to do with personal enjoyment, the influence of peers, the example of parents and the easing of tension than the much claimed "manipulation" by the advertising agencies handling tobacco accounts. The tobacco companies themselves have an obvious vested interest but yet another debate concerns the less obvious interests of the anti-smoking lobbies, and more particularly those who depend for their salaries on the maintenance of government programmes to reduce smoking. They too have an interest in the "facts". Indeed there are facts about them which are notable, not least that the anti-smokers increasingly look, as did their temperance predecessors, like a middle-class clique determined to impose their views on the smoking lower classes. And there is room for considerable disagreement about the alleged social costs of smoking.

Democratic and supposedly rational societies set great store by debate both to sift facts by competition and to reconcile the claims of different interests. One does not have to agree with Professor Tollison and his colleagues in order to applaud their work. It is not their views — though they are important — which should command sympathy but their attempt to go on putting views, to maintain and improve debate. Conversely, one can only be suspicious of those in the anti-smoking lobby who are so eager to declare that the competition in ideas is over.

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***moreover* . . . Miles Kington**

Tomorrow in Parliament

An unpleasant surprise awaits the government this morning in the form of a new poll showing the Tories well behind in the popularity stakes. In answer to the question, Who would you vote for if there were an election tomorrow?, people said:

BBC	54%
Tories	41%
Others	5%

Pollsters declared themselves startled by the results, which have never before shown the BBC in the lead, or indeed in the lurch. Their explanation for the upset is that bcause the Tories have been attacking the BBC with such single-minded venom the last ten days, the electorate has come to assume that the BBC must be the chief opposition party.

"Don't forget that people have a very short memory in politics," says poll chief Robert Gloucester. "They have no sense of history in a television age. It's very rare to find someone who can remember the name of the Labour leader before Neil Kinnock, and most people cannot conceive that the Tories ever had any leader but Mrs Thatcher. Labour has hardly been mentioned in the last fortnight. All the confrontation has been between the Tories and the BBC. Therefore voters believe that the BBC is the opposition."

One reason for the unusually good showing of the BBC is that the Tories have chosen to fight their battle on the subject of believability. Nobody thinks that the BBC is specially believable — it's just that most people find the Tories especially hard to believe. In another part of the poll, people were asked the question: "Do you believe what the Tories tell you?"

No	60%
Don't know	25%
Don't think so	10%
Yes, but not Tebbit	5%

"This is probably because the voters have folk memories of those legendary Saatchi and Saatchi ads," says Gloucester, "in which the Tories said they would bring down unemployment, public spending, etc. They are also well aware that whenever the Tories are asked a question, they never answer it. It is a well-known fact that when Nigel Lawson was asked, 'Not a very nice day, is it?', he answered: 'If you cast your minds back to what weather was like under Labour, you wouldn't ask such a question'.

"Now, it is a function of government to rearrange the truth and attack the opposition — some would say the *only* function — but when the government pretends to have a monopoly of the truth, then it must not be surprised if people flock to the opposition. In this case, the BBC."

If, as must now seem possible, the BBC is swept to power in an election, what sort of government would it provide? Judging by past performance, it would depend on tried and trusted ideas, many repeats of old successes, a lot of American imports and Terry Wogan. This is exactly the same as Tory policy, with the exception of Terry Wogan. Does this mean that Wogan would be prime minister?

"I think you'd find that Terry Wogan would quickly be sold off into private hands," said Robert Gloucester, who knows nothing about these things but was the only spokesman we could get hold of last night. "I fancy Sir Robin Day for No 10, with a scattering of Dimblebys and Tussa making the Cabinet credible. We must just hope that the Frank Boughs and David Colemans don't make it to the top. Actually, I quite fancy the BBC as a government. Whenever the Tories attack it for being left wing, don't forget that every employee of the BBC is convinced they're working for a deeply right-wing organization."

One attractive thing about the BBC as an opposition party is that it spends very little of its time attacking the government, which is most unusual for an opposition. Indeed, it spends much of its time making TV programmes about railways and wild life, which is quite unheard of for an opposition. People seem to like this. It seems rather civilized. It does not fit the BBC to be a next government; of course, but that does not surprise Robert Gloucester.

"Nobody is really fitted to be the next government. Actually, that's not a bad idea at that, either . . ." And as he says it, a strange look comes into his eyes.

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THE LONELY POUND

The agreement between the US and Japan on the dollar's value against the yen completes an informal exchange rate framework between the major currency blocs. In response to a half per cent cut in the Japanese discount rate the US Treasury Secretary, Mr James Baker, has publicly agreed that the present yen rate is "broadly consistent" with the economic fundamentals of the two countries.

Dollar-Deutschemark relations are less clearly defined, but Herr Karl Otto Poehl, the Bundesbank president, has made it clear recently in a speech in London that he thinks the dollar's depreciation against the mark has gone far enough. So the present exchange rates between the three economic super-powers of the west at least have some official sanction. And in Europe the major currencies, with the exception of sterling, are held in a defined relationship by the European Monetary System.

Many hoped that an agreement of this kind on currency stability would be achieved at the meeting of the International Monetary Fund at the end of September. If it had been, much of the recent turmoil in foreign exchange markets might have been avoided. Instead the Germans and the Americans agreed publicly to disagree about the amount of stimulus that would be beneficial to the German economy, and attacks on the dollar intensified.

Whether present exchange rates really will prove consistent with the economic fundamentals for very long must be doubtful. Although last week's US trade figures were certainly more encouraging than of late the deficit remains huge. A half point cut in the Japanese discount rate, unsupported by any fiscal expansion, is unlikely to have more than a marginal effect on Japanese demand for American exports. Nor is it clear how far official sanction of present exchange rate patterns implies a commitment to defend them. Nevertheless a pattern has been imposed where there was no clear pattern before and that is an important move away from the world of freely floating rates which has for the most part ruled since the early 1970s.

Sterling remains outside these major currency blocs, but it is not unaffected by them. Just as the pound fell when the dollar was falling so now it is rising in the dollar's wake. Superimposed on the movement of the dollar is speculation about the rehabilitation of Opec and a rise in the price of oil following the dismissal of Sheikh Yamani. Saudi Arabia is said to be determined to secure a price increase to about $18 a barrel, though a more important influence on the oil price than the cohesion or otherwise of Opec is likely to be a pick-up in demand following higher economic growth in the developed world next year.

A firmer trend in sterling, the disappearance of the threat of still higher interest rates and the possibility of increased oil revenues all make for a more promising background to the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Autumn Statement later this month. Higher revenues from oil taxation will serve both to whet the appetite of the Government's backbenchers for further cuts in the basic rate of income tax in the Budget and to reassure financial markets that any cuts will not be at the expense of a prudent level of borrowing. It is not often that a Chancellor can hope to please both these constituents at the same time.

Looking beyond the short term, however, sterling's isolation from the world's major currency blocs must leave one a little nervous. In a world where consensus about economic management is elusive exchange volatility is a fact of life. But for a small to medium sized country like Britain to stand aside from the major groupings and resign itself to being buffeted around in the slipstream of the economic juggernauts is quixotic.

CAMPAIGN WITHOUT A CAUSE

Today's midterm election for the United States Congress brings to a welcome end a campaign that has notably failed to stir the voters. One poll at the weekend showed that only 25 per cent of the electorate had paid "a lot of attention" to it, while 34 per cent had paid "not much". This represents a fall from what was never a very high degree of enthusiasm in previous midterm campaigns. Observers accordingly predict that today's turnout is likely to be nearer the 37.5 per cent of 1978 than to the 41 per cent of 1982.

The principal reason for this apathy is that, like Churchill's famous pudding, the campaign has had no theme. Local topics have predominated and no national issue has emerged to give a unity to the various local contests.

At one time, the stalled economy seemed likely to provide the Democrats with ammunition. In the traditionally Republican farm states, now suffering from a recession, it has done so. Nationwide, however, inflation at 2 per cent and unemployment at the level bequeathed by President Carter have blurred the issue. Democrats have not been able to cry "depression" nor Republicans "prosperity" with any persuasiveness.

There has been a similar blurring of the issues of Reykjavik and arms control. With the Administration anxious to demonstrate its commitment to arms control and the Democrats wary of seeming to endorse Mr Gorbachov's version of what happened at Reykjavik, the two parties have ended up sounding remarkably similar. The nearest thing to a national issue has been drug abuse. Since everyone is against drug abuse, however, the candidates have had to compete in their degree of hostility to it. It would be surprising if many votes were won or lost on this issue.

In the absence of a great national issue, personalities and local affairs will probably determine most votes. But these are unlikely to favour one party over another nationally. Similarly, incumbents have a general advantage over challengers. Hence, the Republicans may well lose the Senate seat in Nevada which they would certainly have retained if Senator Paul Laxalt had not retired. But incumbency, too, is bipartisan. The factors that seem likely to favour one party over another are money, organization and the presidency.

In each case, the Republicans stand to benefit. It is estimated, for instance, that this year they have outspent the Democrats by five to one. This money has gone mainly on paid television advertising — now the principal means whereby the candidates influence the voters. Since the paid advertisements are generally negative "knocking copy", this might also help to explain the apathy of the voters.

Political organization is correspondingly less important than it used to be. Nonetheless, with the decline of union organization which traditionally "get out" the Democratic vote, and with the development of computerized direct mail techniques which the Right has pioneered in politics, the Republicans have an advantage here as well.

The popularity of President Reagan is the final and perhaps the most vital advantage that his party possesses. He has been campaigning vigorously in key states and drawing large crowds. It has been customary in recent years to discount such interventions on the grounds that presidents no longer have coat-tails on which to drag their party's candidates into office. Mr Reagan may have converted relatively few voters on his recent excursions. But when it is a matter of arousing party supporters to go out to the polls, the arrival of a president with a 67 per cent approval rating may well swing some narrow contests.

Since 1945 the party in control of the White House has lost an average of 30 seats in the midterm election. It is some measure of the factors listed above that the Republicans are relatively optimistic about today's vote, even hoping to gain some seats in the 435-member House of Representatives. Were they to achieve that, it would be the first time since 1934 that the president's party had made such midterm gains.

It is upon the Senate races that most attention has been fixed, since the loss of four seats could deprive the Republicans of the 53/47 control of the Upper House. Here, with many of the races still "too close to call" in the jargon of pollsters, the predictions range from a possible net Republican gain of four seats to a possible net loss of eight. But in the final analysis, the results of today's elections may well turn out to be more important for what they show about the depth of Mr Reagan's appeal amongst the US people than for any close calls.

NEW MAN IN MAPUTO

The election of Joaquim Chissano as Samora Machel's successor in Mozambique is welcome to the West — and to his country. It comes as no great surprise. But the uncertainty has now been removed to everyone's advantage.

That is perhaps too sweeping. The news of Chissano's election cannot have gone down too well in Moscow, where they must have been rooting for Marcelino dos Santos, loyal deputy to Machel and a still more loyal servant of Marx. The very fact that Chissano was chosen (unanimously) by the Central Committee says something about the independence of the Frelimo government.

Chissano is a moderate whose revolutionary credentials are nonetheless impeccable. As foreign minister for more than a decade his has become the recognized voice of Mozambique abroad. He is thought to have been the main influence in persuading Machel to move away from doctrinaire Communism towards a more pragmatic relationship with the West. Earlier this year he even argued the case for selling state-owned homes to private tenants and licensing entrepreneurs to operate private transport in Maputo.

He therefore slides into the presidential chair with several advantages. The unanimity of his selection, his established reputation in the country and his own intellectual freedom all give him something of a head start.

He will need it. Machel has bequeathed a bankrupt economy and a divided land. Members of the right-wing Mozambique National Resistance (MNR) are knocking at the gates of Maputo, despite the pledge from Robert Mugabe in neighbouring Zimbabwe that he would never allow them to take over.

President Chissano shows every sign of appreciating that in the end it is South Africa more than Zimbabwe which has the power to make or break him. While it was Machel himself who took the credit, and the responsibility, for the Nkomati non-aggression pact with Pretoria two years ago, Chissano is thought to have been among its architects. The principle it embraced, of learning to live with a powerful neighbour, is very much in line with his thinking.

The Nkomati accord has lost much of its meaning amid accusations from both signatories over alleged violations. It would certainly seem that South Africa has continued to support the MNR while the Maputo government has been powerless to prevent the African National Congress (ANC) from using its territory. The landmine which killed a South African soldier on the border yesterday is the latest in a series of incidents which have led to economic reprisals by Pretoria.

It has been suspected that South Africa's armed forces have made the running in the continuing cross border quarrel with Maputo. It is they, after all, who would like to help ensure an MNR victory in the civil war. But Chissano shows signs of appreciating that national survival comes before any left-wing or African Nationalist ideology. Is it time to strengthen the Nkomati agreement? Pretoria should recognise perhaps that stability in Southern Africa is to its long-term advantage, and give Maputo's new ruler a chance.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Questions over future of BBC

From Mr Norris McWhirter

Sir, Allegations that the BBC is presently out of control are wide of the mark. It never has been under control. The BBC is a chartered corporation. The constitutional and legal status of chartered corporations was summed up by Lord Upjohn in the case of the *Pharmaceutical Company of Great Britain v Dickson* in 1970 when he said:

A chartered corporation is not, as a matter of *vires*, bound by its charter. At common law it has always had the powers of an individual and can legally and lawfully extend its activities beyond the objects of the charter and indeed carry out activities prohibited by the charter. But its members, and *only its members*, can complain, for if the corporation goes beyond its expressed objects, or worse still, performs acts prohibited by the terms of the charter, the Crown may by *scire facias* proceed to forfeit its charter . . .

Unless the right is expressly reserved in the charter, it appears that the Crown has no power of its own mere motion to use this ancient procedure to recall a charter which it has granted. Further, this writ cannot be moved without the Attorney General's fiat and the Attorney General would doubtless point to the fact that the Crown Proceedings Act, 1947, only failed to abolish the old writ *per incuriam*. or through carelessness.

An operational decision within the BBC, say, to broadcast a programme exhibiting political bias could scarcely be open to judicial review insofar as that is limited to acts of public authorities falling within the realm of public law.

While the 1981 licence and agreement give the Government power of revocation, any government would be most reluctant to activate such remedy. In Hansard of May 21, 1981 (col 476) the Home Secretary said:

Continuing public debate about programme standards and content is fundamentally healthy, for it enables the broadcasting authorities, as trustees for the public interest in broadcasting, to perform their functions.

Surely the obvious step forward in dealing with an organism which has access to 99.1 per cent of the nation's homes and is capable of moulding public opinion, and is thereby more powerful than Parliament itself, is to place it under statute. This would remove the illogicality of having one broadcasting authority with a royal charter and the other under a statute.

However there could be no confidence that the present duopolistic and unsafe situation would be improved unless the statutes in question were made justiciable without fiat and distinguished between breach of statutory duty and breach of statutory command.

Yours faithfully,
NORRIS McWHIRTER,
22 Queen's Gate Gardens, SW7.
October 31.

From Mr Nicholas J. Flower

Sir, Surely no fair-minded person who both read your leader, "Mr Tebbit makes his case" yesterday (October 31) and saw the BBC's coverage of his complaint against the corporation in its 9 o'clock news the same evening can any longer doubt the BBC's disgraceful, perhaps even illegal, bias?

In a news item telling the nation how more telephone calls supportive of it than calls condemning it had come in, the BBC flashed onto the screen a picture of your leading article. This it captioned with one brief excerpt, to the effect that the BBC ". . . is fighting for its freedom . . . and . . . for its life". That passage, out of its actual context and into the context in which the BBC slipped it, patently conveyed the impression *The Times* was on its side, not Mr Tebbit's, and that it was Mr Tebbit who was *the threat* to its life, rather than its own suicidal activities.

It had all day coolly to prepare a piece sticking tightly to its constitutional requirement to "treat controversial subjects with due impartiality", something your leader had expressly pointed out it was clear the BBC had not done in regard to the Libyan matter. On the contrary, you wrote that "the fact remains that . . . the BBC's main news programme made mistakes of fact and interpretation . . .", and much else in the same vein.

What compounds its malfeasance on this occasion is that it was done in support of its own ends. You indeed did well to raise the question whether "standards at the BBC have . . . fallen, perhaps beyond rescue". Ironically, it is the BBC itself that has hastened to blunder in with an answer, and not the one it intended.

Yours etc,
N. J. FLOWER,
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Petts Wood,
Orpington, Kent.
November 1.

From Mr and Mrs J. L. Cox

Sir, We watch the news on BBC1 or one of the independent channels nearly every night. But events crowd in upon one another so quickly that we had not the haziest recollection of who said what over six months ago about the Libyan bombing, until Mr Tebbit sprang into the news last night.

We imagine that here we stand in the vast majority, aware that reporters, on what are very often dangerous and difficult assignments, speak, as they must, on first impressions in the heat of the moment. Such is the nature of instant journalism. Cool assessments are hardly compatible with hot news.

Of course there is political bias now and again. Journalists are sometimes swayed by private feelings, and this happens more often when people are being killed. But is this bias (real or apparent) in one isolated episode, quickly forgotten by all but the most paranoid of politicians, really worth all the time and trouble taken in the compilation of a dossier by Mr Tebbit's staff?

"Tebbit lashes" . . . Mr Tebbit "has taken out his stiletto". This, too, is instant journalism this morning, and — biased or not — it is, Sir, of your own manufacture. But we very much doubt whether this emotive language will be very much in our minds — or indeed in the minds of many *Times* readers — in six months' time. Between now and then there will be so many other things to think about.

Yours faithfully,
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October 31.

Human rights in Mozambique

From Mr Robert Chambers

Sir, It is simply not good enough for only political and strategic issues to be discussed when considering the future of Mozambique in the post-Machel era. Fundamental to any attempt to bring peace and stability to this region must be the restoration of basic human rights which are essential to peace.

The International Society for Human Rights has published eyewitness case histories and reports detailing the brutal slaughter of Christians throughout the Tete and Zambezia provinces of Mozambique. In addition there are countless examples of Bible burning, theft of food and clothing, destruction of crops and kidnapping of young children to boost the flagging Frelimo army.

British aid to the Mozambican Government must be linked to the progress of human rights in the country and as a first step to the withdrawal of all foreign troops who do much to damage the people of Mozambique. The British Government should clearly state that it expects a timetable for withdrawals of troops from the region to be drawn up and adhered to.

Secondly, the continuation of aid should be made contingent upon an end to Machel's Marxist experiments with the economy and agriculture to allow the traditional patterns, which are very efficient, to re-emerge.

Thirdly, all military aid to both Zimbabwe and Mozambique should be ended immediately. Mozambican Frelimo soldiers are being trained by British soldiers at the Zimbabwean National Army base at Inyanga. This is nothing short of a disgrace, given the record of atrocities carried out by Frelimo. The British taxpayer must surely object to this money being spent to train Marxist murderers.

The death of Machel has offered the West the opportunity to initiate a positive programme to bring about lasting peace and freedom in the area by making human rights central to its foreign policy for the first time.

Yours etc,
ROBERT CHAMBERS
(Secretary-General, International Society for Human Rights (British Section)),
27 Old Gloucester Street, WC1.
November 1.

Degrees of doubt

From Mr K. Lawrey

Sir, I am concerned at the growth, and extension into the management discipline, of private, unchartered and non-statutory institutions purporting to offer degrees (*sic*) which do not have the support of an independent validation structure.

Such institutions have existed in this country for some years, and indeed were identified as a problem as long ago as 1963 in the report of the Robbins Committee on Higher Education.

HM Government has claimed that legislation for control would be too complicated to enact. However, with the recent establishment of the National Council for Vocational Qualifications the method of control is now to hand. The remit of the council could be extended to include university degrees (vocational and otherwise) in its consideration for issue of the "good examining" seal of National Vocational Qualification.

All conventional university and Council for National Academic Award degrees will pose little difficulty for such consideration; their effective independent course validation and examination assessment procedures will certainly earn them the seal.

The others, to which this letter refers, will be shown by investigation to be genuine or not and the introduction of a simple legal requirement that the title of degree (and the various descriptions to which it refers) may only be used where the NVQ has been awarded, will provide the safeguard currently lacking.

Yours faithfully,
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October 20.

Sport 'domination'

From Mr John Fitzpatrick

Sir, Am I the only reader who has found your recent articles on the "Latin domination" of international sports bodies tedious and distasteful? The articles following the decision by the International Olympic Committee to award the 1992 Summer Olympics to Barcelona and not Birmingham (October 17 and 18) have shown little impartiality but a great deal of spite, envy and chauvinism.

I prefer to let the voting figures speak for themselves. Barcelona had a majority of 45 votes over its nearest rival, while Birmingham came fifth out of six contenders with a paltry eight votes. Were *all* those who favoured Barcelona flunkies of the IOC President, Juan-Antonio Samaranch, who comes from Barcelona, as your correspondents consistently implied?

The campaign of innuendo continues in the latest article (October 24) on the leaders of four international sports bodies, including the IOC and FIFA. The implication is that these "Latins" (two Spaniards, an Italian and a Brazilian) are not really genuine (i.e., British) sportsmen but money-grabbing, publicity-mad lawyers and businessmen.

One point may explain why these "Latins" have done so well: I note their languages include Spanish (naturally), French, German, English and Russian.

João Havelange, the head of FIFA and a long-time *bête noir* of the British Press, of course speaks Portuguese, and "some English" as you condescendingly put it. How many British sportsmen and sports administrators speak *one* other language? And how many speak "some" Portuguese?

Yours faithfully,
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Switzerland.
October 26.

Museum charges

From Professor C. D. Harbury

Sir, Professor Elkan (October 27) writes eminently sensibly about the best way of raising the £1.5 million target which the Natural History Museum has set itself. But this is, surely, putting the cart before the horse.

The prime question is less *how to* raise money than *how much* to try for — i.e., how much museums can raise through charging without reducing the number of visitors so drastically that the important and generally agreed social and educational needs that they serve are destroyed.

Each museum should prepare and publish estimates of the effects on admissions of different levels and schemes of charging. If our society cannot then provide the major museums with enough income to meet the balance between costs and income from charging, we can only conclude that we have the sort of world we deserve.

Yours truly,
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In common currency

From Miss Janet Dudley

Sir, Regarding the recent correspondence (October 4, 27) on the use of the pound sign, in his 1676 accounts, preserved in the Archives of the Royal Greenwich Observatory, Steven Flamsteed (father of the first Astronomer Royal) uses a pound sign much more similar to that currently in use than it is to the simple capital L. Unfortunately, he always uses it as a superscript so we cannot tell whether it would have preceded or succeeded the figure when used in normal text.

Conversely, in his 1766 accounts the then Astronomer Royal, Nevil Maskelyne, uses the simple L both as a prefix and a suffix while the clerks at the Board of Admiralty were certainly using modern £ signs by the beginning of the 1760s.

As is so often the case, it would seem that the historical evidence supports a variety of assertions.

Yours faithfully,
JANET DUDLEY, Librarian and Archivist,
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October 30.

Music copyright

From Mr George Martin

Sir, The fine British music industry, which earns a massive amount in invisible exports and brings much happiness to many people, has long had a desperate need for a modern and enforceable copyright law.

The rapid advance in technology is emasculating the old law, yet copyright remains the central core of the British music industry's funding.

It has been reported that the proposed new Copyright Bill, for which we have waited so long, is to be dropped from the Government's legislative programme. That is, very simply, terrible news.

The Whitford Committee first sat to consider copyright reform in 1974 and made its recommendations in 1977. It was 1985 before the White Paper was published, and this year is actually the thirtieth anniversary of the now completely outdated 1956 Copyright Act. How many more years must we wait?

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE MARTIN, Chairman,
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October 28.

Fiat lux

From Mr Stephen J. Wood

Sir, In the Diary (October 21) there is mention of the modernisation of the custom of lighting candles in Roman Catholic churches. Recently I was fortunate in at last visiting Florence, and was horrified, as a member of that Church, to find the practice of "slot machine . . . electric plastic candles" in the beautiful churches of that magic city. From there I went to Siena where there was a similar practice.

I had hoped that in the Cinque Terre, a collection of unspoilt fishing villages between La Spezia and Genoa, I would have found living candles. Noticing a sign to a Cappuccini monastery on a hillside on the edge of the main one, Monterosso, I climbed to a small monastery. It contained a magnificent "Crucifixion" by Van Dyck, but alas, electric innovations had indeed reached it.

Yours faithfully,
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ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 4 1914

The German raid on Yarmouth was a reconnaissance carried out by eight warships from their Elbe base. On their return one of the cruisers, the Yorck, struck a mine and sank with most of the crew

GERMAN RAID IN HOME WATERS.

LOSS OF A BRITISH SUBMARINE

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

YARMOUTH, Nov, 3.

Several German warships appeared off Yarmouth this morning. They opened a furious cannonade shorewards, but did not succeed in hitting anything except the coastguard gunboat Halcyon, which was slightly damaged. One of the crew of this ship was seriously wounded. A few hours after the departure of the German ships, a British submarine D5 struck a mine off Yarmouth and sank with the loss of all on board except two officers and two men. Two steam drifters, the Copious, of Yarmouth, and the Fraternal, of Lowestoft, struck mines about the same time in the same waters and sank. Only one of the crew of 10 in the Copious was saved. Four men were saved from the Fraternal and six were drowned.

GERMAN SHELLS IN THE SEA

The early morning cannonade naturally caused a great sensation in Yarmouth. It began soon after 7 o'clock and went on furiously for 20 minutes. The many who were asleep in the town were rudely awakened by the reverberation of the guns and the clattering of windows and shaking of houses. The few who were awake quickly made their way to the beach. There was little to be seen. The haze of an autumn dawn hung over the sea, and the ships that were firing were not visible to the gathering crowds on the front. All they could see was flash after flash on the horizon, followed by the dropping of shells in the sea and the leaping of great cascades of water. Men with glasses on the pier at the harbour-mouth were only able to distinguish one ship. She was a large four-funnelled vessel, and was steaming close to the Cross Sands lightship, which lies about 10 miles off the coast well outside the Yarmouth Roads. Some of the shells dropped within a mile or two of the shore; others came even closer. One exploded within a few hundred yards of the Naval Air Station on the south side of Yarmouth; some were seen close to Caistor and Gorleston, but the stories of shells exploding on the beach and in the Suffolk marshes close by are not confirmed . . .

It was not, however, surprising that some such explanation of the morning's sensation should have been contrived after the fishing fleet had come into harbour and told its tale. A number of Yarmouth and Lowestoft drifters suddenly found warships close to them. No flag was flown, and the fishermen took them to be British ships. The cook in one of the drifters cheerily waved his teapot at one of the warships which he said, was so close to him that he could have thrown his herrings on board her. To his astonishment, the crew acknowledged the salute by shaking their fists at him. The flotilla had come from the eastward in a semi-circular formation. The German flag was hoisted and when they were from 10 to 15 miles from the shore they began firing, first from the stern guns and then with a broadside. No British warships were to be seen except the Halcyon, which is stationed at Lowestoft as coastguard gunboat. She was probably five miles from the German ships, and the range proved to be too great for their powers. The Halcyon had her wireless aparatus, bridge, and a funnel damaged, but she easily got away from her more powerful antagonists. After a shot at the Germans, she chased away, and soon headed straight for Lowestoft. The Germans made no attempt to pursue her, and she arrived at the Suffolk port with no more than one man wounded. The fishermen estimated that 120 shots were fired before the strange ships steamed away to the north-eastward. They made no attempt to interfere in any way with the drifters or the cargo boats which were actually steaming under their fire in the roads. It was mere bad luck that some of the trawlnets were cut in two as the Germans held on their course. There has been talk of firing up and down the coast before and after this singular cannonade, but there is nothing substantial to justify it. There can be little doubt that the German fire was primarily directed at the Halcyon, and not at the shore as most of the inhabitants are assuming to-night, although without any trace of panic . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 3: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Save the Children Fund, this morning visited two of the Fund's Projects in Essex.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and, having been received by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant for Essex (Mr Robert Laurie), visited the Ark Project in Harwich (Leader, Mr K. Nutter) and the Clacton Family Project in Clacton (Leader, Mr K. Phillips).

Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

November 3: The Prince and Princess of Wales this evening gave a dinner for Their Excellencies the Ambassadors of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman and Bahrain at Kensington Palace, prior to Their Royal Highnesses' tour of Arabia.

November 3: The Duchess of Gloucester was present this evening at "Divertimento", a concert in aid of The Westminster Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults at the Porter Tun Room, Chiswell Street, London, EC1.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

November 3: The Duke of Kent, President of the Britain-Australia Bicentennial Committee, this evening attended a Reception in aid of the Britain-Australia Bicentennial Schooner Trust at Admiralty House, London SW1.

Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

Princess Anne will attend the council meeting of the National Council for Voluntary Youth Services at the Town Hall, Islington, on November 11, to mark the fiftieth anniversary of its foundation and later will attend a luncheon and visit youth organizations belonging to the council.

Princess Anne will attend the seventy-fifth anniversary dinner of the Institute of Marketing at the Dorchester hotel on November 11 and will receive the institute's "Marketing Woman of the Year" award.

Princess Anne will present the 1986 Structural Steel Design awards at a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel on November 12.

Princess Anne, Patron of the Gloucestershire and North Avon Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, will attend the annual meeting at Cheltenham Racecourse on November 12.

The Queen will visit the new Swan Theatre of the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratford-upon-Avon on November 13 to perform the opening ceremony and in the evening will attend a performance at the theatre.

Princess Anne will open the new offices of the Chiltern District Council at Amersham, Buckinghamshire, on November 13. She will also open a day care centre and short stay hostel for the handicapped at Seeleys House, Beaconsfield.

Princess Anne will visit the Royal Army Veterinary Training Centre, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, on November 14 to watch the 1986 Farriery Championships and present the prizes. She will also watch equitation training and tour the Veterinary Hospital.

Princess Anne, President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Gloverall Ltd, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, on November 14.

Princess Anne, Patron of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, will attend the annual dinner at Lymington on November 15.

Princess Anne will open the new EBEL boutique at 179 New Bond Street on November 17.

Princess Anne will attend a dinner at the Athenaeum on November 17.

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the new Lloyd's Building in Lime Street on November 18.

Princess Anne, Chief Commandant of the WRNS, will open the new accomodation block at HMS Neptune, Faslane, Dumbartonshire, on November 18.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, will present the prizes to the winners of the two ESU English Language competitions at Buckingham Palace on November 18.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the World Wildlife Fund International, will give the sixth World Conservation Lecture at the Logan Hall, London University, on November 18.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel of The Grenadier Guards, will hold a reception for the Grenadier Guards Regimental Association branch secretaries at Buckingham Palace on November 19.

Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, will visit Birkbeck College on November 19.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Central Council of Physical Recreation and the Institute of Sports Sponsorship, will be the guest of honour at a dinner at Grocers' Hall on November 19.

Princess Anne will attend a dinner given by the Marketing Group of Great Britain at the Piccadilly Hotel on November 19.

Princess Anne will open the Gloucestershire Ambulance Control Headquarters, Horton Road, Gloucester, on November 20.

The Queen will visit the laboratories of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund at Lincoln's Inn on November 20.

Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, will attend a dinner at the Mansion House on November 20 to mark the university's 150th anniversary.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Harrow School on November 24.

Princess Anne will visit Marling and Evans Limited clothing mill at Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, on November 24.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Fellow of the Fellowship of Engineering, will attend the New Fellows dinner at Apothecaries' Hall on November 24.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Spencer Le Marchant will be held at St Margaret's, Wesmtinster, at noon today.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Robert Helpmann will be held at St Paul's, Covent Garden, London, WC2, on Tuesday, November 25, at 12.15 pm.

Birthdays today

Dr Jean Balfour, 59; Mr Walter Cronkite, 70; Lieutenant-General Sir Hugh Cunningham, 65; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Dring, 84; Dame Kathryn Dugdale, 63; Mr Russell Evans, 64; Mr R.A. Henderson, 69; Mr Elgar Howarth, 51; Professor Jeffrey Jowell, 48; Sir Anthony Lousada, 79; Canon Roy McKay, 86; Air Commandant Dame Anne Stephens, 74; the Dowager Lady Wakehurst, 87.

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The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, meeting President Alphons Egli of Switzerland in Berne yesterday to mark the end of his four-day visit.

Forthcoming marriages

H.J. Charrington and Nelta J. Kuorinka

The engagement is announced between Harry, youngest son of Major and Mrs Gerald Charrington, of Layer Marney Tower, Colchester, Essex, and Jaana Kuorinka, of Vainolankatu 15F81, 00610 Helsinki 61, Finland, daughter of Dr Ilkka Kuorinka and Mrs Eira Standertskjold-Nordenstan.

Mr R.B.E. Farmer and Miss N.M. Crittall

The engagement is announced between Robin, youngest son of the late Mr Eric Farmer and of Mrs Molly Farmer, of Port Isaac, Cornwall, and Nichola Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Crittall, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr B.J.N.B. Foster and Miss A.M.C. Fauny

The engagement is announced between Benjamin, son of Mr and Mrs D.N. Foster, of Broadwell, Gloucestershire, and Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Fauny, of Neuilly-sur Seine, France.

Mr S.J.F. James and Miss P.L. Jones

The engagement is announced between Stewart John Forbes James, The Parachute Regiment, younger son of Major and Mrs John James, of Downton House, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, and Philippa Lynn, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs R.O. Jones, of Norden House, Winslow, Buckinghamshire.

Mr A.F. Robertson and Miss F.E. Macnamara

The engagement is announced between Angus Frederick, younger son of Mr and Mrs Eric Robertson, of The Gatehouse, Northborough, Cambridgeshire, and Frances Ellen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Carroll Macnamara, of Invercharron House, Ardgay, Sutherland.

Mr J.B.B. Smart and Miss M.E. Parsons

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.D.B. Smart, of Edzell, Angus, and Melanie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs B.G.I. Parsons, of Detling, Kent.

Mr T.P. Theochari and Miss A.E. Brown

The engagement is announced between Theocharis, elder son of Mr and Mrs P. Theochari, of Palmers Green, London, and Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.W. Brown, of Eltham, London.

Mr P. Walker and Miss S. Thompson

The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mrs Joan Walker and the late Mr Douglas Walker, of Brighton, Sussex, and Shelley, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Basil J. Thompson, of Bovey Tracey, Devon.

Mr M.W. Wood and Miss H. Lanzer

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Wood, of Rainham, Kent, and Helen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Lanzer, of Hartford, Connecticut.

Luncheons

HM Government

The Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Admiralty House in honour of Admiral of the Fleet Branko Mamula, Federal Secretary for National Defence of the Republic of Yugoslavia.

Variety Club of Great Britain

The Variety Club of Great Britain held a farewell luncheon for Mr Tom Nicholas at the Savoy Hotel yesterday. Mr Harry Goodman, Chief Barker, was in the chair and Mr Robert Webster, international vice-president, General Sir Robert Ford, President of the Army Benevolent Fund, Mr Burton Robbins and Mr Ron Moody also spoke. The High Commissioner for Australia was among others present.

Coal Industry Society

Mr Stephen Brewis, Chairman of the Coal Industry Society, presided at a luncheon held at the Park Lane Hotel yesterday. Mr A.W. Ramsay and Mr K. Boyfield also spoke.

Dinners

Marsden Club

Dr Eric Anderson, Headmaster of Eton College, was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Marsden Club held last night at Goldsmiths' Hall.

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

Professor Michael Oliver, President of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, was host at a dinner held at the college yesterday in honour of the Viscount of Arbuthnott after his launch of the Education and Research Trust Appeal. The Viscountess of Arbuthnott, Mrs Michael Oliver, Professor John Strong, chairman of the appeal, and Mrs Strong, and Mr and Mrs Andrew Russell were among others present.

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

Mr Gordon Anderson, President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, was host at the institute dinner held at the Savoy Hotel in London last night. The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Allan Davis, who was accompanied by Sheriffs, Mr Hugh Bidwell and Mr Michael Graham, was the guest of honour. Among the other guests were:

Sir Kenneth Berrill, Mr J Q R Darby, Sir Gordon Downey, Sir James Duncan, Mr M H Field, Mr J S H Gillies, Mr M W Hirst, MP, Mr M Howard, QC, MP, Mr R M Ivison, Mr J L Kirkpatrick, the Very Rev Dr J Fraser McLuskey, Mr Bruce Millan, MP, Mr D I Milne, Mr C F B Rawlinson, Mr A Wilson and the presidents of the other constituent bodies of the Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies, including Mr D A Boothman, Chairman of CCAB.

Reception

High Sheriff of Greater London

The Lord Chancellor and Lady Hailsham of St Marylebone and the Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Terence Mallinson were present at a reception held at Claridge's hotel yesterday by the High Sheriff of Greater London and Mrs Shepard.

Latest wills

Dame Ruth Mary Eldridge Welsh, of Odiham, Hampshire, Director of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, 1943-46, left estate valued at £102,634 net.

Mrs Phyllis Hane Maybank, of Epsom, left £1,208,047 net. After various bequests she left the residue equally between the National Canine Defence League, the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, the Cancer Research Campaign, the British Heart Foundation, Dr Barnardo's, Age Concern England, Wood Green Animal Shelter, the RNLI, the NSPCC, and the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables, Putney.

Miss Elizabeth Josephine Profumo, of Shotteswell, Warwickshire, well known in the horse showing world, left £831,458 net.

Mr George Heywood Hill, of Snape, Suffolk, founder of the Heywood Hill Bookshop, Curzon Street, London, left £181,643 net.

Mr John Charles Runge, of Westerham, Kent, left £966,165 net.

Byrnes, Mrs Phyllis Marjorie, of Bristol £360,474
Hopkins, Mr Thomas, of Neath, West Glamorgan £366,784

Sale room

Tate buys work of Welsh artist

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The Tate Gallery spent £50,000 (estimate £40,000 to£60,000) at Phillips yesterday through the agency of Leggatt's to acquire a view of Naples by the Welsh artist Thomas Jones, one of his most beautiful works.

Jones worked in Naples in the late 18th century painting in oil on paper little corners of decaying architecture and sprouting vegetation in clear sunlight. They are exercises in *plein air* realism which have extraordinary charm and immediacy.

Quick sketches of that type, made in the open air, became fashionable at the turn of the 18th and 19th centuries, especially among foreign artists working in Italy. Corot's sketches of Rome are famous and sought after but Jones was one of the first, working some 40 years before Corot.

His work has only been rediscovered in recent years but his reputation is growing rapidly. The Tate's purchase sets a new auction price record for his work.

The picture was probably painted in May 1782 from the roof of Jones's house below Capo di Monte. It looks over the shadowed parapet of the roof in the foreground to sundrenched cliffs and scrub surmounted by a handsome white house; "Rocks, Buildings and Vineyards about Capo di Monte" is how Jones describes the view from the roof in his diary. It is larger than most of his sketches (28 by 38 cm).

The National Museum of Wales was also among the purchasers of the group of Thomas Jones sketches sent for sale from the estate of the late Canon J.H. Adams, one of his descendants.

The museum paid £16,500 (estimate £10,000 to£15,000) to acquire a water-colour view of Tivoli, looking up the rocky gorge with the town perched above it. The water-colour dates from a visit in November 1777. The other big price in the group was £33,000 (estimate £15,000 to £20,000) for a water-colour "View of Larici" dated to May 1777, a wide landscape with the old town in the middle distance.

On Thursday May 22 his diary records: "Walked with D'o yo Galoro Larici & c sketching – very warm". A sketch from a little further up the road, presumably made on the same day, was sold at Phillips last year for £23,100, then an auction price record for his work.

Phillips sale of English drawings and water-colours was highly successful with a total of £401,200 and 8 per cent left unsold. There were a lot of private buyers, competing especially for Victorian works.

Jeremy Maas, the London dealer, bid an unexpected £63,800 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000) for "Twilight Fantasies" by Edward Robert Hughes, painted in water-colour and body-colour on hardboard. A young girl leans on the gnarled trunk of an old tree to play a pipe while the sun sets behind blue foliage. The price sets another auction price record as did the £20,900 (estimate £4,000 to£6,000) paid by Neil Hobhouse for "The Great Wall of China" by William Simpson.

Simpson was a late Victorian illustrator. He worked for the *Illustrated London News* and Colnaghi's, the printmaker. In 1872 he visited China for the wedding of the Emperor; this water-colour, dated 1886, is presumably painted from memory after his return.

Original Brontë home is put up for sale

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The former Brontë parsonage at Thornton near Bradford, where Charlotte, Branwell, Emily and Anne were born to the Reverend and Mrs Patrick Bronte, is for sale.

It has been owned by the same family since 1930, and although it has not been open to the public, thousands of tourists have visited the village to stand outside the house. Last year there were nearly one million visitors to nearby Haworth, where the Brontës wrote their books.

Mr Simon Thornton, the agent, expects considerable local and international interest in the house because of the Brontë connection.

The house, which has a market value of £65,000 but could sell for a great deal more because of the Brontë associations, is at No 72 and 74, Market Street, Thornton, which was extended in the late 19th century to create a shop.

It is hoped that the Thornton Parsonage will sell to someone who will develop the Brontë theme, perhaps as a museum or other tourist attraction, but there is also likely to be interest from developers and property speculators for the row of houses, with a courtyard, outbuildings and coach house which make up the sale.

The Brontës lived at Thornton from 1815 to 1820, before moving to Haworth in a covered wagon followed by seven carts. The parsonage was built in 1802 in a row of older buildings, and it was where the young Brontë children saw their father writing his sermons on the dresser, which remains today under the bedroom window.

University news

Buckingham

Lecturers: Dr Simon Jon Dunmore, BSc (Dundee), PhD (London), biochemistry; Dr Charles William Butcher, BA (Warwick), MA (Lancaster), PhD (London), French.

Senior lecturers: Mr Clifford Hall, MA (Cantab), LLM (Wales), law.

Mr David Greenaway, BSc (London), MCom (Liverpool), to a personal chair in international economics.

Bath

Lecturers: Dr L.J. Cleas, BA, PhD, and Dr J.R. Doyle, BSc, DPhil, both School of Management.
Tutor in French: Miss M. Garbacz, MA.

Polytechnic news

Portsmouth

Dr Harry Law, President of Portsmouth Polytechnic, is spending this term in Australia on a Commonwealth fellowship scheme studying higher education in that country.

The King's School, Canterbury

Girls sixth-form entrance scholarships:

The following have been elected King's Scholars from September 1987.

Rhian Chilcott (Bromley High School for Girls), Giovanna Ferrari (Kent College, Canterbury), Jennifer Haywood (Haynes Allen's Girls' School), Maia Loftdahl (German-Swiss International School).

Church news

Appointments

The Rev A R Webb, Headmaster, St James's Cathedral Middle School, Bury St Edmunds, diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, to be priest-in-charge, Seend and Bulkington, diocese of Salisbury.

The Rev J W Widmer, Rector, Bishop Wilton with Full Sutton, Kirby Underdale and Bugthorpe, diocese of York, to be Vicar, St Hilda's, York, same diocese.

Bridge qualifiers

The first stage of the final trial to select the England team for the Home Countries Bridge International series for the Camrose Cup was held at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham over the weekend. Four teams qualified for the second stage to be held at the Young Chelsea Club, London, on November 15 and 16. They were:

1. B Rigal, P Cammiswald, R J Fleet, J F Pottage (115); 2. D G W Price, C Duckworth, J L Egerton, Dr R J A Buckland (107½); 3. D J Burns, S L Edginton, W J Holland, B Ewart (105); 4. Dr A P Sawyer, S J Lodge, Mrs S Landy, Mrs S Horton (101).

Little Ship Club

The following have been elected flag officers of the Little Ship Club: President, Sir Owen Aisher; flag officers, Commodore P G Perry, Vice-Commodore R J P Head, South Coast, Vice-Commodore J D Bungard, East Coast, Rear-Commodore P V C Harwood, House, Rear-Commodore Anne Rickwood, Sail and Power.

Science report

Acid rain linked to senility disease

By Tony Samstag

Recent studies in Britain showing a link between levels of aluminium in drinking water supplies and the incidence of Alzheimer's disease, or the onset of early senility, have found disquieting support from results in a report by Norwegian scientists.

The connection was first observed from the pattern of the illness on Tyneside, where the population north of the river obtains drinking water from different sources to that of the south. Traces of aluminium were also found in brain tissue of patients.

The Norwegian scientists have observed a similar association, and they attribute the cause of the rise in aluminium levels to acid rain.

The form of air and water pollution implicated in acid rain has already been under suspicion in a number of brain disorders in studies in Japan and Guam, among others.

The Norwegian scientists emphasize that aluminium comprises about 5 % per cent of the Earth's crust. It is insoluble in water that is either neutral or alkaline. But when the acidity of water – rain, snow, sleet,or fog – increases, it begins dissolving aluminium in lake-bottom sediments, soil, metal pipes used to transport water, and soldering materials used to join sections of pipe.

For their study the scientists divided southern Norway, the "acid rain belt", into five zones according to increasing concentrations of aluminium in lakes.

Because there were insufficient data to distinguish Alzheimer's as such from similar age-related conditions, overall mortality statistics from senile and pre-senile dementia were compared among the zones.

The results showed a clear relationship between higher mortality statistics and increasing aluminium concentrations.

A separate study by the Norwegian Institute for Gerontology indicates that the regions of Vestfold and Aust-Agder, which receive the most acid rain, also have the highest numbers of people with age-related dementia in psychiatric nursing homes.

The scientists conclude that their findings support the hypothesis of a positive relation/co-variance between the frequency of Alzheimer's or similar diseases and the concentration of aluminium in drinking water.

Alzheimer's disease notwithstanding, the importance of the findings for Norway cannot be overestimated. With a population of just over four million it has one of the highest longevity rates in the world; by the year 2025 Norway is expected to have 751,000 people over the age of 67, or 17.3 per cent of the population.

Water Quality and Health: Study of a possible relation between aluminium in drinking water and dementia, by Tiril Vogt (Central Bureau of Statistics of Norway, Oslo).

OBITUARY

BRIG RICHARD SIMPKIN

Tank officer turned military thinker

Brigadier Richard Simpkin, OBE, MC, a tank officer who became one of the foremost military thinkers and writers of recent times, died yesterday. He was 65.

Richard Evelyn Simpkin was born on April 15, 1921. He was educated at Winchester and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he studied medicine and then engineering, but came down after a year to join the Royal Tank Regiment, in which he remained for 30 years.

During the Second World War he served with the regiment in the Western Desert. He was wounded and taken prisoner at Tobruk, but managed to escape in Italy when the Italians surrendered, only to be recaptured by the Germans and confined to a PoW camp in Germany for the rest of the war.

During the early post-war years he worked on industrial, technical and economic intelligence in Germany. In 1951 he graduated from Staff College, and two years later from the Royal Military College of Science where he specialized in vehicles.

He taught at these two colleges, and from 1960 to 1963 was in charge of the equipment branch of the Royal Armoured Corps Directorate, being responsible for user trials of the Chieftain tank and for the development of the Scorpion reconnaisance vehicle family; also for the Swingfire anti-tank guided weapon system.

In 1963 he took command of the 1st Royal Tank Regiment. After a short second tour at the RMCS he was promoted brigadier in 1968 and appointed director of operational requirements 3 (Army) at the Ministry of Defence. He was deeply involved in discussions and negotiations within Nato.

In particular he led the British team on the project definition and operational requirement stages of the Anglo-German main battle tank project, and was closely concerned with the exploitation of Chobham armour.

In 1971, after taking early retirement from the Army, he embarked on a second career as a language consultant, specializing in technical translations. He was an excellent linguist, speaking French and German fluently, Italian and several other languages adequately, and being able to read Russian.

He also, and most importantly, began to write books on military and defence matters. His most recent, published last year, is *Race to the Swift: Thoughts on Twenty-First Century Warfare*. Strikingly unconventional and with a touch of genius, this book received critical acclaim particularly in the United States, and will almost certainly come to be regarded as a major contribution to military thought.

A new book, just completed, *Deep Battle: The Brainchild of Marshal Tukhachevskii*, will be published early next year.

In addition Simpkin recently translated General Niepold's *Battle for White Russia: The Destruction of Army Group Centre*, which is being made into a film by the British Army. He also translated a book by Rolf Hilmes on the main battle tank. At the time of his death he was working on a book which was to be called *Chariot of Fire*, and intended to develop his innovative thinking about the future of warfare.

Simpkin was a rather formidable man, whose thoughts were not always easily followed by ordinary mortals. But he had a robust sense of humour and enjoyed some activities more widely shared than military thought: for instance, dinghy sailing.

He married, in 1941, Barbara Grant-Johnson, who survives him with their daughter and two sons.

MISS ERNA PLACHTE

Miss Erna Plachte, a German-born portrait artist who sketched many of the world's leading political figures at the League of Nations in the 1920s, and afterwards, died on October 12 in Oxford, which she had made her home. She was 93.

She was born on October 13, 1893, in Berlin, where her father was manager of a firm of linen makers. But her love of drawing appears to have been fostered by her mother who placed a pencil and sketch pad in her hands at an early age.

While still at school during the First World War she published her first collection, sketches of convalescent German soldiers. After it was over she applied to attend the Berlin Academy of Art, in those days a staunchly all-male preserve.

Accepting her with some reluctance the academy's head, Artur Kamf, warned her "At the first flirtation out you go!" But in fact it was not personal misdemeanour, but her sketches, which got her into trouble with one professor at the Berlin School of Anatomy, who recoiled from her unsparingly lifelike versions of the cadavers provided for classes.

In 1920 she set up her own studio and then moved to Geneva, where she made a living sketching the principal personalities at the nascent League of Nations for German and other newspapers. The success of these made her much in demand to cover other international events such as the 1928 Olympic Games in Amsterdam. She also came to London where she covered the International Naval Conference in 1930.

With the rise of the Nazis her Jewish parentage made life increasingly difficult for her at home, and in 1938 she left to come to Britain, settling in Oxford.

During the war she was employed sketching many of the political leaders and members of royal families in exile. But in 1945 she resumed her travels. She covered the 1946 Paris Peace Conference, and lived for short periods in that city and in Moscow, where she sketched the interior of the Kremlin.

Among her many portraits of the famous - and infamous - are notable studies of Charles de Gaulle, Pavlova, David Ben Gurion and Mussolini. She exhibited many times in Oxford and a collection of her work was published as *An Artist at the League of Nations* (*Als Zeichnerin beim Völkerbund*) in 1983.

Erna Plachte was a woman of immense determination, which saw her through the many difficulties inherent in having to record, accurately and at great speed, subjects who often could not give her a proper sitting. She was unmarried.

CHIEF MASERIBANE

Chief Sekhonyana Maseribane, first prime minister of Lesotho (formerly Basutoland) after the territory became a constitutional monarchy within the Commonwealth in 1966, died yesterday.

Maseribane, a prominent local businessman, held various posts - including minister of the interior - until the overthrow of the 20-year government of Prime Minister Leabua Jonathan in January of this year.

He stepped aside, however, when Jonathan, leader of the then dominant Bastho National Party, managed to win his way into the assembly at a by-election the same year and thus become prime minister.

Maseribane was involved in an apartheid incident during a visit to a Bloemfontein bank in 1965, when he was refused entry by a doorman. Despite explaining that he was the prime minister of Basutoland, he was ushered to the non-white entrance.

Ancestor of modern rose rediscovered

By our Horticultural Correspondent

The main ancestor of modern garden roses, the China rose, has been rediscovered in the wild, which could mean that historical rose collections will no longer be incomplete, for this rose has never been in cultivation in Europe.

The China rose has been elusive in the wild, a native of western China; it was first observed in 1884, and recently found growing on dry mountain slopes in the province of Sichuan by Mr Mikinori Ogisu, of Tokyo.

Mr Ogisu describes the China rose (*Rosa Chinensis, var spontanea*) as an evergreen shrub of semi-climbing habit whose flowers open pale pink then change to crimson. A full description has been published in the Royal National Rose Society's Journal.

Hybrids of the China rose and other species altered the old European roses and paved the way for the gradual development of today's roses.

£10m appeal for London wild-life sites

A £10 million appeal has been launched to save 87 urban wild-life sites throughout greater London launched by the British Wildlife Appeal and organized by the Royal Society for Nature Conservation.

Julian Pettifer, the broadcaster and naturalist, yesterday visited two such sites, one threatened by development, the other established as a new nature reserve.

He went first to Deptford Wharf, where many plants and insects flourish and warehouses provide nesting sites for kestrels; the trust is negotiating with the borough of Lewisham for a temporary licence to manage the site which is threatened with demolition.

Later he visited 40 hectares of chalk grassland and ancient woodland at Hutchinson's Bank amid the urban sprawl of Croydon, which the trust intends to restore.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM

But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth... St. Matthew 6 : 3

BIRTHS

ALLBERRY - On 31st October 1986, to Jane (née Coker) and Andrew, a daughter, Charlotte Julia Mallord.

ANDREWS - On October 31st, to Ruth (née Schwier) and David, a daughter, Jennifer Rigby, a sister for Rachel.

BROWN - On November 1st at Oban Maternity Hospital, to Jane and Johnny, a daughter, Isobel Louise, a sister for Olivia.

GLENNY - On October 31st, at Rochford Hospital, to Rachel (née Fryer) and Keith, a son, Matthew Geoffrey Clifford.

GORDON - On November 2, to Debbie (née Stewart) and Keith, a daughter, Kimberly, to Aberdeen Maternity Hospital.

HUDSON - On 1st November 1986 at Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot, to Inge and John, a son, Nicholas Robin, a brother for Christopher and Alexandra.

MORRIS - On November 1st 1986 at the Portland Hospital, to Clare (née Fielding) and David, a daughter, Laura.

NOCKLES - On October 19th, to Sally and Gilbert, the precious gift of a son, Mark Gilbert Edward, a brother for Antonia, Victoria and Johanna.

OHLSON - On October 30, to Shawn and Richard, a son, Alexander Frederick Thain, a brother for Jenny.

PAGE - On November 2nd, at the Portland Hospital W1, to Annie (née McCutcheon) and Stirling, a son, (Edward Oliver William).

PAYNE - On November 1st 1986 at Bristol Maternity Hospital, to Rosamund (née Godfrey) and Humphrey, a sister for Oliver, Alexander and Emily. (Heather Mary).

PHILLIPS - On October 27th 1986, to Sara (née Freed) and Paul, a daughter, Rebecca Victoria. A sister for Joanna.

ROBSON - On October 31st, at St. Lukes, Guildford, to Josephine (née Manwaring - White) and David, a son, Oliver Charles Richard.

SMALLWOOD - On 26th October 1986 in King's Lynn, to Ruth (née Jones) and Julian, a daughter, Kathryn Victoria.

WILLS - On November 1st 1986, to Philippa (née Casson) and Nicholas, a daughter, Katharine Alicia Spencer.

MARRIAGES

MENNANI:WHITTEN - On October 11th in London, Bouchaib, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Mennani of Casa Blanca to Melanie, daughter of the late Mr T D Whitten and Mrs J L Wryman of Glovers Farm, Hastingwood, Essex.

DEATHS

BUSSEY - On October 31st, George Herbert, suddenly and peacefully. Much loved. Funeral arrangements private.

CHURCHILL - On 29th October, Pamela Beryl of Larga Vista - Algarve, suddenly but peacefully at the British Hospital in Lisbon, much loved wife, mother and grandmother.

FITTER - On 31st October, peacefully at home in Stour Row, Shaftesbury, after a long illness. Mary Lisa much loved wife of Julian and mother of John, Daniel and Jeanette. Funeral service at Salisbury Crematorium on Friday 7th November, at 11.15am. No flowers please, donation to Cancer Research.

GRIFFITHS - On 31st October 1986 at Gold Coast Hospital, Southport, Queensland, Australia. Lieutenant Colonel Robert John Griffiths (retired), aged 71 of Kings Manchester Regiment. A Great loss to his wife Audrey and daughter Fran.

HORGAN - On Saturday 1st November 1986, William Victor, aged 86 years. Peacefully at Harefield Hospital after a long illness. Dearly loved husband of Peg and father of William, Timothy and Sarah. Cremation at 11.15 am on Thursday 6th November at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip.

HOWARD - On November 1st 1986, at Lymington. Patrick Stirling Wykeham, Priest. Funeral and Requiem at the Parish Church of St Thomas, Lymington on Monday November 10th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations appreciated for The Retired Clergy Fund which may be sent c/o F W House & Sons, Funeral Directors, 33-34 St Thomas St, Lymington.

KERR-SMILEY - On 2nd November 1986, peacefully in Ipswich Hospital. Agnes aged 76, of Gables Cottage, Rendham, Suffolk. Requiem Mass at the Church of Our Lady and St. Peter, The Terrace, Aldeburgh, at 11.am on Friday 7th November, followed by Burial at St.Michael's Church, Rendham. Flowers to Tony Brown Undertaker, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

MacDONALD - On 2nd November 1986 in Edinburgh, Jean (Sheanagh) aged 86, beloved Sister, Aunt, Great Aunt, formerley of Bridge of Allan, Hawick and Bowden. Service at Warriston Crematorium, Cloister Chapel, Warriston Road, Edinburgh, on Friday 7th November, at 11.15am. No Flowers but donations to Friends of the Northern General Hospital Edinburgh.

MAY - On 30th October, suddenly, whilst visiting at her daughter's home in Surrey, Vi, wife of Douglas of Kyrenia, Cyprus. Funeral Service at Bolney Church, Sussex on Friday 7th November at 2.30pm, followed by private cremation. All enquiries to Ebbutt Funeral Service, Oxted 3767.

MELLOR - On 1st November, All Souls Day, in love and peace, Bridget Mary, Bidda. Funeral at St. Baldred's, North Berwick at 11. next Friday, 7th November.

NETTLETON - On November 2nd, in Haywards Heath, peacefully after a short illness, in his 90th year, Bertram Nettleton, ISO, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Arrangements 0444 413058.

PHILIPSON-STOW - On November 3rd, peacefully at Alresford, Hampshire, Margaret Aileen (Jill) aged 74 years. Cremation at Salisbury Crematorium on Friday November 7th at 12.45 pm.

POTTER - On 29th October 1986, peacefully at Wainford House, Beccles, Suffolk, Kenneth David, husband of Ann, father of Frances and Edward; late of Kenya and the Bahamas.

SIMPKIN - On November 3rd 1986, at his Elgin home, Brigadier Richard Evelyn. Requiem Mass and burial at Pluscarden Abbey, Elgin, Thursday November 6th, 10.30 am. Family flowers only, no callers please.

SMEDLEY - On November 2nd 1986, Teresa B.A., aged 46, beloved wife of Peter and loving mother of Julian, funeral details Tel: 0502 291308

SNOWDEN - On October 30th 1986, Judith, loving wife of Clive and loving mother of Jane and Emma. Funeral Service St Oswald's Church, Fulford, York, Wednesday 5th November at 10.45 am, followed by interment at Fulford cemetery. Flowers may be sent to Water Gate, the New Walk, York.

WHARTON - On November 1st 1986, at his home The Dutch house, Walshaw Avenue, Colwyn Bay, Denis Orme aged 76. The beloved husband of Claire, father of Susan, Alison and Louise and grandfather of Helen, Emma, Annabel and Julia. Service at St Andrews Church, Colwyn Bay on Friday 7th November at 2.30 pm. Followed by committal at Colwyn Bay Crematorium, no flowers please. Enquires to Percy, L. Roberts and Son. Tel: Colwyn Bay 48551.

WHEELER - On November 1st, after a short illness, Kenneth Hart of The Parsonage, Udimore, Rye, Sussex. Dear husband of Anne and father of David and Robert. Funeral private.

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WINGFIELD - On October 30th 1986, at her sister's home in South Africa, Rosemary, beloved sister, aunt, cousin and friend to many. Memorial service on Saturday 15th November, at St Saviour's Church, St George's Square, SW1 at 10 am. Flowers to the church or donations, if desired, to the National Society for Cancer Relief.

YOUNG - On November 2nd 1986 All Souls Day, peacefully at home with most of her sons and daughters around her bed. Winifred Young aged 96, widow of William Young, Antique Dealer, Belmont Street, Aberdeen and mother of eight sons and twin daughters. Please pray for the repose of her soul. Everyone invited to Requiem Mass on Thursday November 6th at 12.noon at St. Mary's Cathedral, Huntly Street, Aberdeen and Funeral at Springbank Cemetery. R.I.P.

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Archaeology

Irish treasure law 'must be changed'

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

One of the Irish Republic's leading scholars has called for a radical revision of the republic's antiquities laws in the wake of the Derrynaflan debacle, when a medieval treasure alleged to be worth £8 million was awarded to the trespassers who found it.

The decision stemmed from the earlier judgement that Crown prerogatives, including treasure trove, had lapsed in 1922 with the creation of the Irish Free State.

Professor Frank Mitchell, a former president of the Royal Irish Academy and the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, and the present chairman of the National Monuments Council, said that he had been "astounded" by the recent decision.

"The court, apparently operating on the principle of finders-keepers, awarded custody of the treasure to two men who trespassed on a farmer's property, dug a hole in his land without his consent, and removed from it objects of highest national importance and great art-historical value", he said in the *Irish Press*.

The case had been brought after Mr Michael Webb and his son had used a metal detector near the ruined church at Derrynaflan in Co Tipperary and found a set of early Christian plate, including a chalice, paten, wine strainer and bowl. The church is a registered national monument, and the land around it is owned by the Irish Government.

Until 1922 the Crown prerogative of treasure trove applied unambiguously to finds such as this, and it had been thought that the law stood; then in 1972 the Irish Supreme Court ruled that all such prerogatives had ceased half a century earlier. Under that ruling Mr Justice Blayney awarded the treasure to the finders.

He also, however, said that the restoration work on the hoard had greatly increased its value, and that the Webbs would have to pay the state the difference between its present value and that when it was found. Since the bulk of the work was carried out at the British Museum, that raises interesting questions as to who should receive the money.

The National Museum in Dublin is taking the case to the Supreme Court in the hope that such matters will remain academic.

Professor Mitchell suggests that a new law is needed to avoid such complications in future, declaring that "all ownerless things, both large and small, on and in the soil, or submerged below the surrounding seas, are the property of the Irish people. When discovered they must be reported to the National Museum, and where an object is retained by the museum an award will be paid to the finder.

"In many countries antiquities still buried in the ground are by law the property of the nation, and the finding of them does not grant any right of possession. This country must establish a similar position without delay."

Monuments such as ancient settlements should also be protected from destruction, Professor Mitchell said, with the state either purchasing the site or paying the farmer compensation for restricting his use of the land.

While that would not be cheap, a small increase in the stamp duty paid when property changes hands would provide a heritage fund for such purposes.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

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WOOD - Joyce Wood, Spinster, late of New Leaf Bookshop, Wood Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire and 6 Alma Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire. Died on the 10th June 1979 (undisclosed of residue of estate about £36,000.00). The kin of the above named are requested to apply to Messrs. George Davies & Co., Solicitors, Fountain Court, 68 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2FB (Ref JFL).

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Liquidator

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Hattersley warning on pension funds

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to discourage what Mr Hattersley calls the increasingly short-term perspective of investment;

- Restrictions on the amount of funds which can be invested in certain categories of shares, as practised by some American states;
- Insistence that a certain proportion of funds be invested locally in such categories as housing;
- Legislation to implement proposals by the Wilson Committee, including the idea that at least 50 per cent of boards of trustees of pension funds should consist of workers or pensioners concerned;
- Clarification of the legal position of local authority pension funds to encourage them to delegate fewer investment decisions to outside pension fund managers.

Opening up a new area of potential controversy in local government, Mr Hattersley virtually invited Labour groups running town halls to push the present law to the limit in interfering in pension fund decisions.

He said that a counsel's opinion obtained by Southwark council last year seemed to suggest that "local authorities may be at fault if they delegate investment decisions to outside pension fund managers.

"This would give locally elected councillors, who in turn can consult with representatives of pensioners and employees, the opportunity to develop alternative investment strategies to those served up by their City managers."

There was scope, he said, for more "socially responsible" investment, taking a longer view. That might include not investing in companies with South African connections or targeting investment in the local economy. Socially responsible investment could actually produce a better return than conventional investment.

In his attack on the pension fund managers, the shadow Chancellor said the degree of overseas investment by funds had enabled their pessimism about the British economy to become self-fulfilling. The result had been to affect the British economy in a way which reduced pensioners' income from domestic sources.

Funds had also played a central role in takeover battles which, while producing an inflation in paper values, had not produced a matching growth in real output.

Glamour galore on 'Yup Committee'

Suzanne Dando, the former Olympic gymnast, joins forces with Debbie Moore, founder of the Pineapple dance studio.

Stars turn out to help Tories win young vote

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October at its Smith Square headquarters after Mr Moore had been given the youth brief by the Prime Minister. It was there that the decision to divide the committe into the two separate groups was taken.

Mr Trippier's new advisory group is charged with finding "policies to attract the young". The party professionals are charged with "presentation and organization".

Finding the right stars for the Tory Party has not been easy. As Mr John Biffen told friends at this year's party conference: "Central Office has been casting about like crazy for some top-heavy coal miner's daughter to take on Billy Bragg." Samantha Fox was considered and rejected. A proposal that Culture Club drummer Jon Moss be co-opted had to be dropped when he was charged with drugs posession.

The selection of the professionals also posed problems. Shirly Stotter, the Director of Youth in Central Office who fell out of favour following the row over the allegations by Tory students that Harold Macmillan was a war criminal, has not been included; nor have either Jane Stott or Mark Warrall, her two assistants. Indeed, when questioned about it at its inception, they seemed completely ignorant of its existence.

Both the left-inclined National Young Conservatives and the right wing Federation of Conservative Students, the two established youth wings of the party, have been excluded on the grounds that they could not possibly work together.

Pop star Bev Bevan and Miles Copeland, manager of the Police pop group.

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Labour plays the conspiracy game

Play was resumed in Labour's two current conspiracy theories yesterday.

One of them is that Conservative Central Office "leaned" on various Tory witnesses not to give evidence in the libel action which the two Conservative MPs brought against *Panorama*.

The other goes under the general title of "Westland".

That these two British conspiracies are enjoying especial prominence should not detract from the party's continued membership of the international Permanent World Conspiracy League.

This is for people who believe in, or at least want to make other people believe in, a Permanent World Conspiracy involving the CIA, the multi-national corporations, phone-tapping of CND, forcible heterosexuality, etc.

But the party's Conspiracy Rules Committee, the sport's ultimate body at national level, realises that to sustain public interest in the game in between big international fixtures, smaller, five-a-side conspiracy theories have to be played containing only British conspirators.

Hence the alleged Central Office "leaning" scandal. This involves only Mr Tebbit and a previously unknown Central Office legal adviser called Mr Mitchell.

Hence to "Westland", which has a larger, but still managable team of conspirators including the Prime Minister's press secretary, the Yorkshire all-rounder, Mr Bernard Ingham; and the Department of Trade and Industry press officer, the women's free-style leaker, Ms Colette Bowe. All are under the captaincy of the Prime Minister.

At Question Time yesterday, Mr Tam Dalyell, the member for Linlithgow, opened for Labour by asking the Attorney-General, Sir Michael Havers, what recent communications he had received about Westland. Sir Michael replied that he had received three letters, all from MPs asking him about his role in the inquiry into the disclosure of the Solicitor-General's letter.

(For the benefit of readers unfamiliar with the alleged conspiracy, both the Solicitor-General's letter, and the Attorney-General's inquiry into the disclosure, are complicated parts of the plot which are not going to be explained here.)

Mr Dalyell, in a supplementary question, asked Sir Michael about the truth or otherwise of a Sunday newspaper story which had said the Attorney-General had threatened to send the police around to Number 10 unless an inquiry was started into who leaked the Solicitor-General's letter.

Sir Michael replied that he had nothing to add to his original reply. This was interpreted on the Labour benches as further proof of conspiracy.

Mr David Winnick, Labour member for Walsall North, said the Attorney-General's reply was "extraordinary" and an admission that he had indeed had to "threaten" Number 10. Sir Michael replied that his original answer "in no way confirms" the newspaper report. But by then Labour members had decided that the original reply had done the opposite.

But one note of caution must be entered. These Labour members "Westland" although evidence suggests that most people are bored comatose at the very mention of the subject.

What evidence? Well, the lack of interest even among the broad mass of Labour MPs, as opposed to yesterday's hardened Westland enthusiasts. Last Wednesday evening, when the House spent the whoele sitting debating the subject, few Labour members were in the seats by 10 o'clock.

They doubtless share the rest of the country's view: Mrs Thatcher did wrong. But the evidence is not a "smoking gun". It is at best a smoking parking ticket. None of this will deter Mr Dalyell.

Nor will Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, the Labour member for Workington, be deterred. He is the Tam Dalyell of the Conservative Central Office-*Panorama* affair.

Yesterday he raised the "interference with witnesses" issue with the Attorney-General — Attorney-General's question time being the traditional *Paranoids Playtime*.

"There is a tape in existence which will come out and which will prove it," Mr Campbell-Savours assured the House, as eyes glazed and jaws dropped.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

Princess Anne, Chancellor, London University, opens the new extension to the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, SE5, 10; and as Honorary President, the Chartered Institute of Transport, attends their anniversary lunch to celebrate the founding of the institute, the Connaught Rooms, 12; and later attends the opening ceremony of the Hunterian Institute, Royal College of Surgeons of England, 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2, 3.

Princess Margaret, as Patron, the Heart Disease and Diabetes Research Trust, opens the Cavendish Clinic, Wellington Road, St John's Wood, 3.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, the British Library of Tape Recordings for Hospital Patients, attends the annual meeting, Drapers' Hall, 4.45.

The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, visits British Aerospace, Warton, near Blackpool, 10.45.

Prince Michael of Kent, as President, the Institute of the Motor Industry, visits Marinello Concessionaires, Egham, 11.30.

New exhibitions

Treasures from Afghanistan; 40 Pilrig St, Edinburgh; Tues to Sat 12 to 6 (ends Nov 22).

Collage and paintings by Suzanne Wilson and Sue Mckechnie; MacLaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr; Mon to Sat 11 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Nov 25).

Anima Animals: work by Colette Dobson and Joanna Veevers; Museum and Art Gallery, The Green, Stafford; Tues to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 4 (ends Dec 24).

Chalk, Snails & Galaxies: paintings and drawings by Michael Cullimore; Andrew Knight Gallery, 31 Charles St, Cardiff; Tues to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Dec 6).

Exhibitions in progress

Paintings by Frederick Cuming, sculpture by Bernard Sindall and silver works by Michael Bolton; Easton Rooms Art Gallery, 107 High St, Rye; Mon to Sat 10.30 to 1 and 2 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5 (ends Nov 24).

Land Matters: work by five young photographers; Sudley Art Gallery, Mossley Hill, Liverpool; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Nov 23).

Pictures at an Exhibition: a visual interpretation of an orchestra and its music; Hatton Gallery, Newcastle University; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 9 to 4.30 (ends Nov 8).

Music

Concert by Northern Chamber Orchestra; Municipal Hall, Albert Road, Colne, 7.30.

Piano recital by Thomas McIntosh; De La Warr Pavillion, Bexhill, 3.

Concert of Music Theatre; Queen's Hall, Edinburgh, 8.

Recital by Christopher Brayne; Bristol Cathedral, 1.15.

Recital by Mhairi Lawson (soprano) and Lynn Jones (piano); King's Hall, Newcastle University, 1.10.

Concert by the Northern Chamber Orchestra, Municipal Hall, Albert Rd, Colne, 7.30.

Talks, lectures

What Hope for the Humanities?, by Prof. Bernard Williams; Vaughan Jeffreys Lecture Theatre, Faculty of Education, Birmingham University, 5.15.

Real Wages and Unemployment, by Prof. Thomas Wilson; Radcliffe Centre, Buckingham University, Church St, 5.15.

Williams Morris, by Mrs Barbara Morris; Reception Room, Wills Memorial Building, Bristol University, 5.15.

And So to Bath: coaching and coaching roads, by C. Henderson; Banqueting Room, Guildhall, Bath, 1.10.

The Forest Monks of Sri Lanka, by Dr. Michael Carrithers; Room 231, Elvet Riverside, Durham Univeristy, 7.30.

East Sussex 200 years ago, by Barry Funnell; Rye Art Gallery, 107 High St, 8.

General

Ulster Antiques & Fine Art Fair; Culloden Hotel, Belfast, today and tomorrow 2 to 10 (ends Nov 6).

TV top ten

National top ten television programmes in the week ending October 26:

BBC 1

1 EastEnders (Tues/Sun) 20.70m
2 EastEnders (Thurs/Sun) 20.45m
3 20 Years of the Two Ronnies 15.35m
4 The Russ Abbot Show 12.95m
5 Howards Way 12.95m
6 Brush Strokes 12.25m
7 News and Weather (Sun 20:50) 12.00m
8 Dallas 11.55m
9 Every Second Counts 11.55m
10 Casualty 10.10m

ITV

1 Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 16.55m
2 Blind Date LWT 15.50m
3 Dempsey and Makepeace LWT 13.20m
4 The A Team ITV 13.05m
5 Executive Stress Thames 13.00m
6 Crossroads (Tues) Central 12.15m
7 Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 11.85m
8 Emmerdale Farm (Tues) Yorkshire 11.45m
9 Crossroads (Thurs) Central 11.40m
10 3-2-1 Yorkshire 11.40m

BBC2

1 Fawlty Towers 10.15m
2 The Life and Loves of A She Devil 9.95m
3 M A S H 8.00m
4 Naked Video 7.65m
5 Snooker Highlights (Sun 22:25) 7.35m
6 Snooker Highlights (Fri 22:22) 6.85m
7 Alex Smith and Jones 5.55m
8 World Safari 5.35m
9 International Snooker (Tues 21:03) 5.10m
10 International Tennis and Snooker (Sun) 4.95m

Channel 4

1 Brookside (Tues/Sat) 6.25m
2 Brookside (Mon/Sat) 6.20m
3 Any Wednesday 4.60m
4 St. Elsewhere 3.60m
5 Queen: Real Magic 3.45m
6 Aerobics 3.15m
7 American Football 3.00m
8 Hill Street Blues 2.80m
9 Gardeners' Calendar Roadshow 2.75m
10 It Takes A Worried Man 2.50m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parentheses showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time:* Mon to Fri 1.3m (6.8m)
TV-am: *Good Morning Britain* Mon to Fri 2.3m (10.9m) Sat 2.5m (8.0m) Sun 3.4m

Broadcasters' Audience Research Board.

Roads

The Midlands: M5: Contraflow between junctions 4 and 5 (Bromsgrove and Droitwich); overnight lane closures at beginning of week.

Wales and West: M4: Contraflow between junctions 16 and 17 (Swindon and Chippenham). M5: Contraflow at junction 14 (Thornbury); northbound entry slip road closed. M5: Contraflow between junctions 24 and 26 (A39 and A38 exits).

The North: M6: Major roadworks between junctions 17 and 19 near Chester; lane closures; delays. M6: Contraflow between junctions 32 and 33 (Blackpool and Garstang exits; delays especially at weekends. M62: Contraflow E of junction 33 (A1); care required.

Scotland: M74: Contraflow S of junction 6; delays. Aberdeen: Bon Accord St closed for Steeple work between Union St and Langstane Place. Glasgow: Sauchiehall St closed between Douglas St and Rose St.

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The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.285	2.165
Austria Sch	21.55	20.35
Belgium Fr	65.70	60.10
Canada $	2.055	1.945
Denmark Kr	11.46	10.86
Finland Mkk	7.52	7.02
France Fr	9.90	9.40
Germany Dm	3.05	2.85
Greece Dr	282.00	264.00
Hong Kong $	11.30	10.60
Ireland Pt	1.12	1.06
Italy Lira	2110.00	1990.00
Japan Yen	243.00	229.00
Netherlands Gld	3.44	3.25
Norway Kr	11.13	10.53
Portugal Esc	228.00	208.00
South Africa Rd	4.10	3.50
Spain Pta	201.75	191.75
Sweden Kr	10.35	9.80
Switzerland Fr	2.535	2.395
USA $	1.475	1.405
Yugoslavia Dar	900.00	700.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC.

Retail Price Index: 387.8

London: The *FT* Index closed up 8.7 at 1294.1.

Anniversaries

Births: Guido Reni, painter, Bologna, Italy, 1575; Augustus Toplady, clergyman and hymn writer, Farnham, Surrey, 1740; James Montgomery, poet, Irvine, Ayrshire, 1771; Eden Phillpotts, novelist and dramatist, Rajasthan, India, 1862; G.E. Moore, philospher, London, 1873.

Deaths: Felix Mendelssohn, Leipzig, 1847; Paul Delaroche, painter, Paris, 1859; Wilfred Owen, poet, killed in action, France, 1918; Gabriel Fauré, Paris, 1924; Manuel Azaña y Diaz, president of Spain, 1936-39, Montauban, France, 1940.

Discovery of the Gunpowder Plot, 1605. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) established, 1946.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Public Order Bill and Housing (Scotland) Bill, Lords amendments. Motion on Channel Tunnel Bill.

Lords (2.30): Housing and Planning Bill, Commons amendments. Deacons (Ordination of Women) Measure.

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Weather forecast

A ridge of high pressure will build over southern Britain, with a moistening W to SW airflow in the north.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S, E, SW England, East Anglia, Midlands, Channel Islands, S Wales: Mainly dry, sunny intervals; wind W light or moderate; max temp 13C (55F).

N Wales, NW, central N, NE England: Sunny intervals, becoming cloudy later, but remaining dry; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 12C (54F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals, becoming cloudy later with occasional rain or drizzle; wind SW moderate or fresh; max 11C (52F).

Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll: Cloudy, occasional drizzle, becoming more persistent later; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 11C (52F).

Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 9C (48F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Changeable. Near normal temperatures. Rather windy at times in the north.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind NW backing SW moderate; fair; visibility good; sea state slight. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind W moderate backing SW fresh or strong; rain later; visibility good becoming moderate; sea state mainly moderate.

Sun rises: 6.59 am Sun sets: 4.29 pm
Moon rises: 10.21 am Moon sets: 5.23 pm
First quarter: November 8

Lighting-up time

London 4.59 pm to 6.31 am
Bristol 5.08 pm to 6.40 am
Edinburgh 4.57 pm to 6.57 am
Manchester 5.01 pm to 6.45 am
Penzance 5.24 pm to 6.48 am

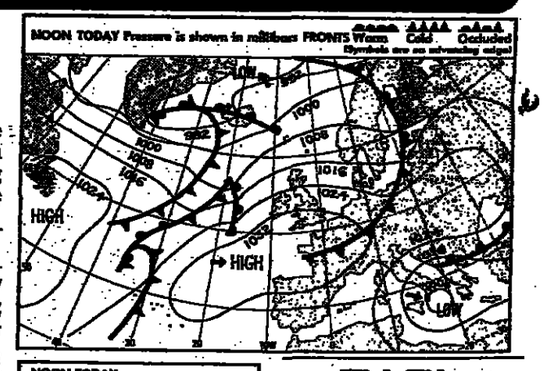
Yesterday

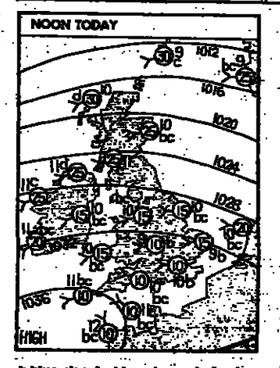
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	r	9	48	Guernsey	f	10	50
Birmingham	c	8	46	Inverness	r	9	48
Blackpool	s	11	52	Jersey	f	12	54
Bristol	r	10	50	London	c	11	52
Cardiff	r	10	50	Manchester	f	9	48
Edinburgh	f	10	50	Newcastle	f	9	48
Glasgow	r	11	52	Shetlands	s	10	50

Waterways calendar

British Waterways Board's large pictorial calendar for 1987 has been published and is available from the Information Centre, Press and Publicity Office, British Waterways Board, Melbury House, Melbury Terrace, London, NW1 6JX (price £3.25 plus 75p p & p).





b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; d-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; mist-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorms; s-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. Temperature centigrade.

High Tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.40	7.3	2.53	7.5
Aberdeen	1.55	4.6	2.23	4.3
Avonmouth	8.15	13.6	8.34	13.5
Belfast	11.53	3.6		
Cardiff	8.00	12.5	8.19	12.4
Devonport	9.51	5.7	7.13	5.6
Dover	11.55	6.9		
Falmouth	6.21	5.5	6.43	5.4
Glasgow	1.28	5.1	1.54	4.8
Harwich	12.33	4.1	12.52	4.1
Holyhead	11.11	5.8	11.32	5.8
Hull	7.07	7.7	7.31	7.5
Ilfracombe	6.53	9.5	7.14	9.5
Leith	3.18	5.9	3.44	5.7
Liverpool			12.12	9.7
Lowestoft	10.21	2.7	10.49	2.5
Margate	12.38	4.9	12.45	5.1
Milford Haven	7.09	7.4	7.30	7.3
Newquay	5.59	7.3	6.20	7.3
Oban	6.36	4.2	6.49	4.2
Penzance	5.49	5.8	6.13	5.7
Portland	8.06	2.5	8.33	2.4
Portsmouth	12.07	4.9	12.28	4.9
Stornoway			12.11	6.5
Southampton	11.48	4.7		
Swansea	7.13	10.1	7.34	9.9
Tees	4.26	5.7	4.48	5.7
Wick-on-Nze	12.32	4.4	12.48	4.4

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	5.4	-	12	54	sunny
Bridlington	5.8	-	11	52	bright
Cromer	2.4	-	10	50	bright
Lowestoft	0.1	.03	9	48	cloudy
Clacton	3.4	.01	9	48	bright
Margate	x	.07	9	48	sunny
Folkestone	8.9	.20	10	50	sunny
Hastings	8.9	.08	10	50	sunny
Eastbourne	9.0	.09	12	54	sunny
Brighton	5.9	.06	10	50	sunny
Worthing	7.4	-	10	50	sunny
Littlehampton	7.9	-	11	52	sunny
Bognor R	7.3	-	10	50	sunny
Southsea	7.3	-	10	50	sunny
Shanklin	x	-			
Bournemth	6.8	-	10	50	sunny
Poole	8.2	-	11	52	sunny
Swanage	8.2	-	10	50	sunny
Weymouth	8.5	-	11	52	sunny
Exmouth	8.2	-	10	50	sunny
Torquay	8.1	-	11	52	sunny
Falmouth	3.2	-	12	54	bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Guernsey	5.4	-	12	54	sunny
Scilly Isles	5.8	-	11	52	bright
Newquay	2.4	-	10	50	bright
Ilfracombe	x	-	9	48	sunny
Teeky	2.7	-	9	48	bright
Morecambe	7.3	-	9	48	sunny
Douglas	3.2	-	9	48	sunny
London	4.4	.01	10	50	bright
B'hame Airpt	7.4	-	9	48	sunny
Bristol (Cld)	7.9	-	10	68	sunny
Cardiff (Cld)	7.8	-	9	48	sunny
Anglesey	4.2	-	8	46	sunny
Bristol Airpt	7.2	-	8	46	sunny
Manchester	7.9	-	9	48	sunny
Nottingham	4.5	-	8	46	sunny
N'Cle-n-Tyne	8.2	-	9	48	sunny
Carlisle	4.7	-	8	46	bright
Edinburgh	6.2	-	8	43	sunny
Pentland's	1.8	-	74	59	bright
Glasgow	0.1	-	8	46	bright
Tiree	0.3	-	9	48	cloudy
Belfast	2.2	-	8	46	cloudy

These are Sunday's figures

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Alicante	f	15	59	Cologne	c	8	46	Majorca	s	18	64	Rome	f	16	61
Algarve	f	24	75	Cyprus	f	7	45	Malaga	s	23	73	Salzburg	f	5	41
Alex'dria	f	24	75	Corfu	f	17	63	Malta	f	19	66	S Pitcon	s	20	68
Algiers	f	23	73	Dublin	s	9	48	Mad'ra	s	23	73	Santander	s	18	64
Amst'dam	f	10	50	Dubrovnik	f	17	63	Mexico C	s	17	63	S Paulo	c	33	91
Athens	f	19	66	Faro	s	22	72	Miami	s	30	86	Seoul	f	13	55
Bahrain	s	29	84	Florence	c	13	55	Milan	s	14	57	Singapor	s	28	82
Barbados	f	29	84	Frankfurt	c	6	43	Montreal	c	4	39	St'kholm	s	5	37
Barcelna	f	14	57	Funchal	c	19	66	Moscow	r	5	41	Strasb'rg	s	9	48
Beirut				Geneva	c	7	45	Munich	c	2	36	Sydney	s	22	72
Belgrade	f	11	52	Gibraltar	s	22	72	Nairobi	c	22	72	Tangier	r	21	70
Berlin	s	8	46	Helsinki	s	2	36	Naples	f	19	61	Tel Aviv	r	17	63
Bermuda	c	22	72	Hong K	s	25	78	N Delhi	s	29	84	Tenerife			
Biarritz	s	11	52	Innsbruck	s	9	48	N York	c	17	63	Tokyo	c	20	68
Borde'x	s	10	50	Istanbul	c	16	61	Nice	f	20	68	Toronto	f	7	45
Boul'ne				Jeddah	s	32	90	Oslo	c	1	34	Tunis	c	19	66
Brussels	c	9	48	Jo'burg	f	20	68	Paris	f	9	48	Valencia	s	18	64
Budapst	c	10	50	Karachi	s	33	91	Peking	s	12	54	Vanc'ver	c	9	48
S Abras	f	17	63	L Palmas	c	23	73	Perth	f	20	68	Venice	f	14	57
Cairo	f	25	79	Lisbon	s	18	64	Prague	f	6	43	Vienna	s	7	45
Cape Tn	f	12	54	Locarno	s	18	64	Reykjvik	c	4	39	Warsaw	f	5	41
C'blanca	f	20	68	L Angeles				Rhodes	s	20	68	Wash'ton	f	18	64
Chicago	s	4	39	Lucerne	f	5	41	Rio de J	s	29	84	Wel'ton	c	12	54
Ch'church	c	13	55	Madrid	s	13	55	Riyadh	s	33	91	Zurich	f	5	41

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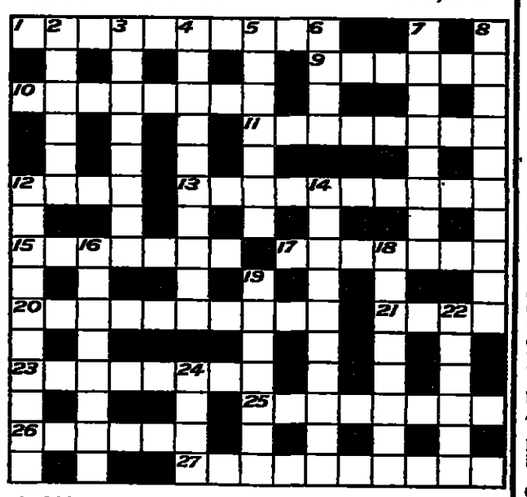
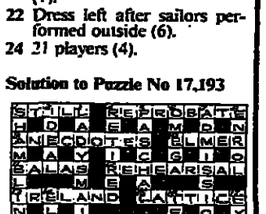


ACROSS
1 Careless builder might be indiscreet (4.1,5).
9 Legate led astray by bird (6).
10 Gosh! Retired ruler enters state sports competition (8).
11 Something precious or clean (4,4)
12 Puts on, so to speak, what's made for taking off (4).
13 Capital game to record (10).
15 Magazine for footballers (7).
17 Manifestation of vengeance makes curse go haywire (7).
20 Stop bears taking cash box (10).
21 A stiff group of people (4).
23 Lawmen hold one pound back — that may be (8).
25 Go for career in company (3,5).
26 Relax and get three points at end of game (6).
27 Something super to play with — my old man told me not to (5-5).

DOWN
2 Most of song in Russian sounded the same at the end (6).
3 Chinamen have pointed joints, they say (8).
4 Many a bell's cracked, certainly (2,3,5).
5 In picture, one American actress swallows a drink (7).
6 Vegetable brought up by boat (4).
7 Fish struggle in the mud (8).
8 Paper still to be heard (10).
12 Plead a map's used wrong projection (5,5).
14 Governor's great merit (10).
16 Covers up stolen picture (8).
18 Shelter provided by doctor in city to lady (8).
19 Drink for railmen working (7).
22 Dress left after sailors performed outside (6).
24 21 players (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,193



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Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1294.1 (+8.7)

FT-SE 100
1639.2 (+7.1)

Bargains
36712 (37598)

USM (Datastream)
126.66 (+0.41)

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.4110 (+0.0055)

W German mark
2.9109 (+0.0128)

Trade-weighted
68.7 (+0.3)

Maxwell offshoot makes surprise £287m bid for AE

By John Bell, City Editor

Mr Robert Maxwell's Hollis group yesterday emerged as white knight to the beleaguered automative engineering company AE in a surprise £287 million takeover bid.

The move came less than a week after the City Takeover Panel gave permission for a renewed bid from Turner & Newall, whose first hotly-contested offer failed by the narrowest of margins.

Turner & Newall said last night that it had no intention of accepting the terms of the Hollis offer, which it said seemed to be lacking in the principal areas identified by AE in their defence to T&N's first approach.

Sir Francis Tombs, T&N's chairman, added that AE's acceptance of the Hollis offer was "inexplicable and hardly in the best interests of shareholders.

"Hollis has no background in engineering or even any experience in the automotive industry," he said.

Sir Francis expressed surprise that the board of AE should be recommending an offer from Hollis which has a cash alternative of less than the 266p value of the T&N bid on the day before it lapsed.

Even though the Hollis/AE deal has the agreement of both boards, T&N still retains a near-30 per cent stake in AE and would be powerfully placed if it decided to re-enter the fray.

The move by Hollis puzzled the City for the company, a subsidiary of Mr Maxwell's master company Pergamon, is far smaller than AE. The bid is, in effect, a reverse takeover with Hollis shareholders set to receive only 17 per cent of the equity of the combined group. It leaves AE's chairman Sir John Collyear in command of the enlarged board.

Last weekend there was speculation that AE and its advisers were in pursuit of a white knight, though Hollis was not thought to be on the list of likely candidates.

Sir John, who has fiercely opposed the T&N approach, said yesterday that his board was excited at the prospect of an opportunity to continue AE's successful business strategy.

It was also pleased that it and AE's employees are to play a central role in the plans of Hollis to develop as a significant force in manufacturing engineering, he added.

The AE board was convinced that Hollis's intended strategy of encouraging high technology was consistent and compatible with its own objectives.

The idea of the merger came via an approach from Mr Maxwell to Sir John in the middle of last week.

Last month Mr Maxwell announced that Hollis had plans to increase its sales and market capitalization from £130 million and £80 million respectively by more than five times over the next five years.

The terms of the Hollis offer value AE at 287p a share with a cash alternative of 260p per AE share.

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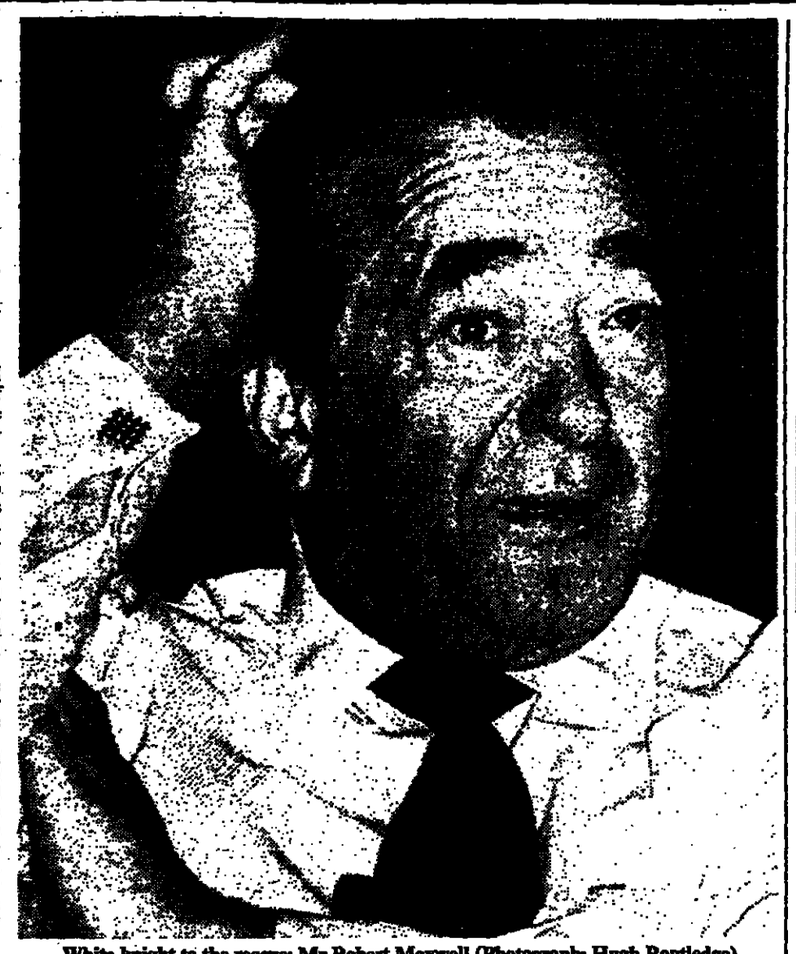

White knight to the rescue: Mr Robert Maxwell (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Crackdown on way for insider dealing

By Lawrence Lever

Tough new powers in the Financial Services Bill to curb insider dealing will be bought as soon as possible by the Government, Mr Michael Howard, the Minister for Consumer and Corporate Affairs, said yesterday.

Mr Howard's announcement came as Sir Kenneth Berrill, the chairman of the new City watchdog, the Securities and Investments Board, gave a warning that highly controversial provisions laying down capital requirements for investment businesses would be announced within the next week.

The insider dealing provisions give Department of Trade and industry investigators increased powers to force witnesses to give evidence on oath, making them guilty of contempt of court where they refuse to co-operate.

Mr Howard said: "These new powers represent a better opportunity than we have ever had before to curb this pernicious practice," He added that the new rules will be bought in "without delay." A Department of Trade and Industry said this meant "early next year".

The Government is able to implement the insider dealing rules ahead of the rest of the Bill as this is one area of City regulation which will not initially be delegated to the SIB. It does not therefore form part of the self-regulatory regime which will not be ready until towards the end of next year at the earliest.

Related provisions in the bill which provide for cross-border exchange of information between regulators in different countries will also be bought into force early.

Insider dealing became a criminal offence in 1980. However, to date it has only resulted in seven prosecutions, of which four have been successful.

The Stock Exchange has strengthened its surveillance team and increased the number of investigations into suspicious price movements.

The Government has signed a memorandum of understanding last month with American regulatory bodies providing for mutual exchange of information.

Meanwhile, Sir Kenneth Berill promised that a new set of SIB proposals to ensure that firms have enough capital to run their businesses is likely to be "one of the most controversial so far".

The rules will divide the investment industry into four broad types of business and lay down what financial resources each type requires.

At a London conference Sir Kenneth said that "many cases of fraud and dishonesty arise from initial financial difficulties within a firm."

Decline in oil price

The oil price retreated yesterday after last week's strong gains. The price of Brent for delivery in December closed 50 cents lower at $14.30 a barrel.

But optimism about the long-term direction of the price in the wake of Sheikh Yamani's dismissal helped sterling — aided by a strong dollar — gain 55 points to $1.4110.

The pound rose from DM2.8982 to DM2.9132 while the effective exchange rate was up 0.3 against its previous close at 68.7, after opening at 69.0, the best level for a month.

Optimism on interest rates helped the FT 30-share index gain 8.7 to 1294.1.

Bus buyout

Cheltenham & Gloucester Omnibus Company yesterday became the fifth National Bus subsidiary to be sold under the Government's privatization programme with a successful management buyout being headed by Mr Mark Thomas, the managing director. The 560 staff will be given the chance soon to participate in a profit-sharing or share option scheme.

WG sale

Waterford Glass has sold its loss-making Smith Group for a nominal price to Mr Bill Cullen. The sale will result in an extraordinary loss of £1.5 million for Waterford. The profitable Smith Self Motoring car hire company is excluded from the sale.

£1bn turnover

Interim pretax profits at Associated British Foods rose 16 per cent to £72.2 million in the six months to September 27. Turnover rose 10 per cent to £1 billion and the interim dividend was increased by 16 per cent to 8.8p.

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Tapstock goes

The Government taplet stock 10 per cent conversion 1996 was exhausted at tender yesterday with a striking price of £94¾. The £250 million stock was the largest of four tranches announced on Friday.

Pineapple buy

Pineapple Group is to buy Golden Key Promotions for £500,000 cash plus a further payment according to profits. Golden Key sells promotional incentive schemes based on provision of free accommodation at 200 hotels.

Booker deal

Booker has acquired Nature's Way Holdings, a private chain of health food shops and restaurants, for £3.1 million cash.

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Four directors go in L&C shake-up

By Our City Staff

London and Continental Advertising Holdings, the outdoor advertising company, yesterday announced a dramatic rescue package to arrest losses and raise new capital.

The package involves the resignation of four directors, redundancies for ten per cent of the staff and a £7.4 million fund-raising exercise which will introduce a 30 per cent shareholder who will have four seats on the board.

Moreover L&P, which announced half-year losses of £1.36 million in September, will make a full-year loss and, according to its chief executive, Mr Christopher Perry, will do no better than break even in 1987.

Mr John Golfar, chairman of L&C., is resigning with his two co-founders — Mr David Harris, deputy chairman, and Mr Ronald de Young, a director and former managing director. Lord Bellwin, a non-executive director, is also stepping down.

In September a controversy arose involving Mr Golfar and Mr de Young who, between them, sold 500,000 shares in L&C shortly before announcing a downturn in profitability at the company's annual meeting.

The resignations come as part of the terms of a £7.4 million financing package provided by an Australian advertising group, which in the past two weeks has taken an 8.23 per cent stake in L&C.

The package comes in the form of a rights issue of 6.7 million new L&C shares at a 7p premium to yesterday's opening price of 103 pence. L&P fell 4p on the announcement to 99 p.

Piccadilly House, an associate of the privately-owned Griffin Group of Australia, is underwriting the rights issue and proposing to take four board seats. The intention is for Piccadilly House to take its stake in the company from 8.23 per cent to 29.8 per cent if, as expected, none of the rights are taken up.

Any take-up of the rights by shareholders will result in Piccadilly House purchasing shares to bring its total stake to the 29.9 per cent stake it desires. Four Piccadilly House appointees will replace the outgoing L&P directors.

Takeover talks at US bank

From Bailey Morris
Washington

Directors of BankAmerica Corporation met in closed session yesterday to consider an unwelcome takeover offer from First Interstate Bancorp, as reports circulated that Citicorp, the largest US bank, had also made a firm bid.

Although neither side would comment on the Citicorp overture, it had been reported earlier that the New York banking company was interested in acquiring all or part of BankAmerica to gain a foothold in the huge California market.

Analysts said, however, that an outright acquisition was unlikely because of interstate banking laws in forceuntil 1991.

But Citicorp has found a way to circumvent the laws, according to the *New York Times*, which reported that the bank had notified BankAmerica it was prepared to make an offer more attractive than the $22 a share offered by First Interstate.

A merger of Citicorp and BankAmerica, the two largest banks in the United States, would create a banking giant, larger than any in the world. Such a proposed merger would be closely scrutinized by federal regulators.

Earlier, in published interviews, BankAmerica officials indicated they did not welcome the first Interstate offer which was raised from $18 a share. Mr A W "Tom" Clausen, the new chief executive, said he did not return to BankAmerica to preside over its sale to First Interstate.

● Goodyear Tire and Rubber said it is contacting potential buyers of its Celeron Oil and Gas unit as part of a restructuring plan the company expects to unveil within the next two weeks.

Goodyear is expected to be the target of a joint takeover bid by Sir James Goldsmith and Hanson Trust.

● American Hoechst will make a cash tender offer for all the shares of Celanese at $245 a share, the companies said.

Outlook gloomy, says ABCC survey

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Association of British Chambers of Commerce is gloomy about business prospects and has sent "disturbing" evidence from its latest survey to Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Export prospects have stagnated and the employment outlook is bleak, the ABCC says, reporting on the findings of its Regional Business Survey for the third quarter.

Mr Roger Burman, chairman of the ABCC's Economic and Industrial Committee, said in a letter to the Chancellor: "While there has been a slight increase in the trend of orders from the home market, orders from export markets have decreased yet again."

The trend for the balance of payments was "extremely disturbing," with a current account deficit of £1.15 billion in the third quarter, Mr Burman added.

ABCC members, of which there are 50,000, welcomed the pound's decline against the European currencies, but the failure of exports to respond sufficiently was explained by uncertainties over the future course of sterling. Such uncertainties would be removed if the pound was taken into the European Monetary System, the ABCC said.

Interest rates were again cited as the main obstacle to economic expansion, and the survey evidence was taken before the latest one-point rise. Because of high interest rates, employment prospects were bleak in the areas of already high unemployment, including Merseyside, the West Midlands and Wales, the ABCC said.

Mr Burman called on the Chancellor to limit further burdens on companies, including big increases in local authority rates and nationalized industry charges.

● The strength of the housing market is reflected in a rise in the number of new homes started in the third quarter, according to official figures.

Housing starts totalled 53,300 in the third quarter, up 4.3 per cent on the 51,000 starts of the second quarter. In the third quarter of last year, there were 49,400 housing starts. The latest quarter's figures were 7.9 per cent up on a year ago.

In September alone, housing starts totalled 19,300, compared with 16,600 in September last year.

The rise in housebuilding activity is entirely within the private sector.

This year's total for housing starts is likely to be the largest since the early 1970s.

LET bid for 1928 is agreed

By Judith Huntley
Commercial Property Correspondent

London & Edinburgh Trust, the fast growing and highly rated property company, is making an agreed offer for the Nineteen Twenty-Eight Investment Trust. LET is using its expensive paper to make what is the equivalent of a rights issue to raise £80 million for the purchase.

London & Manchester Assurance Company, which owns 53.6 per cent of the 1928, has accepted the LET offer. LET will sell the investment trust portfolio.

To finance the purchase, LET is to offer new ordinary shares — up to a maximum of 24.2 per cent of its enlarged share capital — and up to 43.18 million 6 per cent preference shares for the whole of 1928's stock at 110 per cent of the formula asset value.

There is an underwritten cash alternative of 100 per cent of 1928's fav — the net asset value minus the costs of closing down.

LET's offer of 110 per cent of fav is unusual for an investment trust but the company says it was prepared to pay a premium for the certainty of having L & M on its side.

Strong & Fisher bid for Garnar Booth referred

By Alison Eadie

Strong & Fisher's £20 million contested bid for fellow leather manufacturer, Garnar Booth, has been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The main reason appears to be that the combined group would have more than 20 per cent of British lambskin output.

Mr Richard Strong, managing director of Strong & Fisher, said yesterday he was "amazed" by the reference.

He said if the bid did not go through more British lambskins would be exported.

The Office of Fair Trading, which recommended the reference, had missed the point on the international nature of the market, he added. Exports of lambskins have risen from 30 per cent of British output in 1970 to more than 60 per cent at present.

Sir Kenneth Newton, chairman of Garnar Booth, said he was pleased by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry's decision. He contested that the combined group would secure less of the lambskin supply.

He said there were worries among the smaller British tanners about losing raw materials supply, if the two largest companies in the industry merged.

There was also anxiety among Garnar employees not involved in the clothing leather business about job security.

Strong & Fisher had won control of 19.23 per cent of Garnar, including its 14.9 per cent stake.

New imagers by Oxford

Oxford Instruments, the world market leader in magnetic body scanning equipment, is to launch two new diagnostic imaging products. They are a low cost compact magnet and an actively self-shielding magnet and will be shown at the meeting of the Radiological Society of North America in Chicago next month.

Oxford Instruments yesterday announced results for the six months to the end of September, 1986. Pretax profits rose from £6.6 million to £8.5 million. Turnover increased from £33.8 million to £47.8 million.

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Mercury cuts prices in fight to win telephone customers

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Mercury Communications, the sole competitor to British Telecom, yesterday moved to restore its price advantage over the former state monopoly with reductions of about 12 per cent for long-distance calls.

The price cuts are intended to counter British Telecom's tariff changes, introduced at the weekend, which reduced some daytime trunk calls by up to 17 per cent, while increasing local call charges.

Competition in telecommunications services is becoming increasingly fierce, particularly in the fight by the two rivals to attract large business users with a high level of long-distance daytime telephone traffic.

These are Mercury's first price changes since its launch in May and will mean an average reduction of about 12 per cent for calls over 56 kilometres (about 35 miles).

For customers connected directly to the Mercury network, prime time long-distance calls are reduced by up to 12.5 per cent and standard and economy rates by abouttas 13 per cent.

For smaller customers connected to Mercury's digital trunk network through the local British Telecom lines, long-distance tariffs are down by up to 12.2 per cent during prime time, by as much as 12.5 per cent for standard rate, and 10 per cent for economy.

Rental charges are also reduced for the "Smart Box" telephone,which permits access to the Mercury system.

Charges for local calls and trunk calls up to 56 kilometres are unchanged, as are installation charges, and leased line services.

The changes, effective from yesterday, have restored Mercury's previous competitive edge and mean that large users are offered an average saving of between 17 and 24 per cent on trunk routes.

The next step in the battle for customers will be the planned introduction by British Telecom of its Optional Calling Plan, which will offer large business users a discount in return for an annual fee.

The Office of Telecommunications, the government watchdog of the industry, is expected to pronounce soon on the acceptability of the proposals.

Mercury also welcomed Oftel's judgement that British Telecom's "rebalancing" of charges is largely complete.

Over the past two years British Telecom has been removing the subsidy of local calls by long-distance calls, to help meet the challenge from Mercury.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 1882.87 (+5.05)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Dow ..... Closed
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2258.78 (-58.85)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 278.5 (+2.5)
Sydney: AO ..... 1375.7 (-1.6)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 2002.9 (+7.2)
Brussels:
General ..... n/a
Paris: CAC ..... 382.6 (-1.0)
Zurich:
SKA General ..... 543.80 (+7.10)

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INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank 11⅛-10¹⁵⁄₁₆%
3-month eligible bills: 10²¹⁄₃₂-¹⁹⁄₃₂%
buying rate
US:
Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 5¹⁵⁄₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.19-5.17%*
30-year bonds 96¹⁄₁₆-96⅛*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.4110	$: £1.4125*
£: DM2.9109	$: DM2.0885*
£: SwFr2.4220	$: SwFr1.7170*
£: FFr9.4960	$: FFr6.7335*
£: Yen231.26	$: Yen164.05*
£: Index:68.7	$: Index:112.8
ECU £0.714492	SDR £0.847700

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

AE PLC	286p (+29p)
Hawker Siddeley	434p (+11p)
Sterling Inds.	170p (+40p)
Wyndham Group	99p (+18p)
Beecham Group	441p (+11p)
Harris Queensway	207p (+11p)
GUS 'A'	1028p (+40p)
Stylo	256p (+12p)
Woolworth	643p (+13p)
Saatchi & Saatchi	633p (+26p)
Freemans	427p (+10p)
Mountleigh Group	1035p (+25p)
Goodhead Print	153p (+20p)
I.C. Gas	181p (+10p)
Tech. Business	95p (+15p)
Cons. Gold	639 (+12p)
William Low	573p (+13p)
Alumasc Group	186p (+12p)

FALLS:

Oxford Inst.	466p (-70p)
London & Edin.	640p (-25p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $400.30 pm-$406.20
close $405.50-406.00 (£287.25-287.75)
New York:
Comex: $406.20-406.70*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec.) pm$14.30bbl ($14.80)
* Denotes latest trading price

	Oct 31	Oct 30		Oct 31	Oct 30		Oct 31	Oct 30
AMR	58½	58¾	Firestone	28⅝	28⅜	Pfizer	59⅝	61
ASA	35⅝	35½	Fst Chicago	30	30	Phelps Dge	20⅝	20⅜
Allied Signal	40⅝	41⅝	Fst Int Bncp	54⅝	54¼	Philip Mrs	73½	74¾
Allied Strs	66⅛	66¼	Fst Penn C	9⅝	9	Phillips Pet	10⅝	10⅜
Allis Chlmrs	3¼	3⅜	Ford	57⅝	58	Polaroid	68⅝	69⅝
Alcoa	36⅜	35⅝	FT Wachva	38⅜	39½	PPG Ind	69¼	69⅝
Amax Inc	13	13⅛	GAF Corp	39⅝	38½	Prctr Gmbl	75	75½
Am'rda Hs	25½	26	GTE Corp	60⅜	61⅛	Pb S E & G	42⅝	42
Am Brands	47⅝	47¼	Gen Corp	n/a	80⅝	Raytheon	64⅛	63⅝
Am Can	87⅝	88½	Gen Dy'mcs	72¾	72	Rynlds Met	45⅞	45⅜
Am Cynm'd	80	81½	Gen Electric	76½	76⅜	Rockwell Int	42⅛	42⅜
Am El Pwr	30	29½	Gen Inst	18½	18⅜	Royal Dutch	88½	86⅜
Am Express	58⅝	58⅝	Gen Mills	88⅜	88¼	Safeways	61⅛	60⅝
Am Home	79¾	77⅝	Gen Motors	71⅛	71⅛	Sara Lee	72⅝	71⅜
Am Motors	3⅛	3⅜	Gn Pb Ut ny	23⅝	22⅜	SFE Sopac	33⅜	33⅜
Am St'nrd	40⅝	39⅝	Genesco	n/a	3⅝	Schl'berger	31⅛	32⅝
Am Teleph	25	25	Georgia Pac	40⅛	39⅝	Scott Paper	64½	65⅝
Amoco	65⅝	65¼	Gillete	44⅝	41⅞	Seagram	62⅝	62⅝
Armco Steel	6⅝	6	Goodrich	44½	44⅝	Sears Rbck	43⅝	44
Asarco	15⅝	15⅛	Goodyear	48⅜	49¼	Shell Trans	52⅝	51⅝
Ashland Oil	57⅝	57¼	Gould Inc	19⅜	19⅝	Singer	43⅝	43⅜
At Richfield	57	55½	Grace	57	57⅝	Smthkln Bk	85⅝	85⅜
Avon Prods	33	33⅜	Gt Att & Tac	22⅛	21⅛	Sony	22	22½
Bkrs Tst NY	44	44¼	Gr'hnd	33	33	Sth Cal Ed	35	34⅜
Bankamer	15⅝	15¼	Gruman Cor	28⅛	28⅜	Sperry Corp	n/a	n/a
Bk of Bston	40½	40½	Gulf & West	66⅝	67	Std Oil Ohio	49⅜	48
Bank of NY	59	59½	Heinz H.J.	43⅝	44	Sterling Drg	47¼	47⅝
Beth Steel	6⅝	6⅝	Hercules	56⅜	58⅜	Stevens JP	35¼	35⅝
Boeing	52⅝	53⅝	H'lett-Pkrd	39	39⅝	Sun Comp	56⅝	55⅝
Bse Cascde	60½	60⅜	Honeywell	70⅝	72	Teledyne	341⅝	333
Brden	48⅜	52	IC Inds	25⅜	26⅝	Tenneco	40½	39⅝
Bg Warner	38	38⅝	Ingersoll	56⅛	56⅜	Texaco	35¼	34⅝
Brist Myers	78⅝	78⅝	Inland Steel	19⅝	19	Texas E Cor	29	27⅝
BP	39⅜	38⅝	IBM	123½	122	Texas Inst	110⅝	111
Burl'ton Ind	38	37⅝	INCO	12½	12⅝	Texas Utils	34¼	34⅝
Burl'ton Nth	63	62⅝	Int Paper	73⅝	71⅝	Textron	60	59⅜
Burroughs	78⅝	78¼	Int Tel Tel	53⅝	54⅜	Travlrs Cor	43⅜	44⅝
Cmpbell Sp	62⅝	63	Irving Bank	47⅝	47⅝	TRW Inc	92⅝	92⅝
Can Pacific	11⅜	11	Jhnsn & Jhn	69⅝	69⅜	UAL Inc	57⅝	58⅜
Caterpiller	39⅝	38¼	Kaiser Alum	17⅝	17½	Unilever NV	209⅜	210
Celanese	218⅝	218	Kerr McGee	28⅛	28⅜	Un Carbide	22⅜	22⅜
Central SW	35¼	35⅜	Kmb'ly Clrk	81⅝	82	Un Pac Cor	60¼	59⅝
Champion	29	29⅜	K Mart	49	49⅝	Utd Brands	33⅜	33⅜
Chase Man	35⅜	35⅝	Kroger	33⅝	34	USG Corp	40⅝	40⅜
Chm Bk NY	43⅝	44	L.T.V. Corp	2	2	Utd Technol	42⅝	43⅜
Chevron	44¼	43¾	Litton	82½	79⅜	USX Corp	28	25⅝
Chrysler	38½	38½	Lockheed	46⅝	46½	Unocal	24¼	23⅜
Citicorp	51⅝	51⅝	Lucky Strs	33⅝	33⅝	Jim Walter	45⅝	44⅝
Clark Equip	19⅝	19	Man H'nver	44½	44½	Wrner Lmbt	57	57⅝
Coca Cola	36½	37⅜	Manville Cp	2⅝	2½	Wells Fargo	110	108⅜
Colgate	38⅝	38⅜	Mapco	53⅜	53⅜	W'sghse El	57	58
CBS	131⅝	133½	Marine Mid	48½	48⅝	Weyerh'ser	39¼	38⅜
C'mbia Gas	42⅜	42⅝	Mrt Marietta	39½	40	Whirlpool	70⅜	67⅜
Cmb'tn Eng	31⅛	31⅜	Masco	27⅝	27⅝	Woolworth	44¼	43⅝
Comwlth Ed	32⅜	33⅜	McDonalds	63	62⅝	Xerox Corp	54⅝	54⅝
Cons Eds	46⅝	46⅝	McDonnell	78⅝	78⅝	Zenith	21⅝	21½
Cn Nat Gas	32⅜	31⅛	Mead	60	60⅜			
Cons Power	15⅝	15⅜	Merck	108⅝	109½			
Cntrl Data	26⅝	27	Mnsta Mng	109⅝	110⅜			
Corning Gl	54	54⅜	Mobil Oil	38⅝	37½			
CPC Intl	83⅝	82⅝	Monsanto	76⅜	75½			
Crane	32⅜	32	Morgan J.P.	84½	85⅜			
Crn Zeller	50⅝	52	Motorola	37⅝	36¼			
Dart & Kraft	56⅝	56⅜	NCR Corp	46⅝	45½			
Deere	23⅝	23⅝	NL Indstrs	5⅝	5⅜			
Delta Air	49½	50⅝	Nat Distlrs	45	45			
Detroit Ed	17⅝	18	Nat Med Ent	24⅝	24⅜			
Digital Eq	99⅜	98⅝	Nat Smcndt	9⅝	9⅜			
Disney	43⅝	43⅜	Norfolk Sth	82⅜	81⅝			
Dow Chem	56	56⅜	NW Bancrp	36⅝	36⅝			
Dresser Ind	18¼	18½	Occidnt Pet	29¼	29⅝			
Duke Power	48¼	47⅝	Ogden	46⅝	44½			
Du Pont	86	84¾	Olin Corp	42⅝	42⅜			
Eastern Air	9½	9⅝	Owens-Ill	42⅜	42⅝			
Estm Kodak	61½	61	Pac Gas El	24¼	24⅜			
Eaton Corp	73⅝	73½	Pan Am	5⅝	5⅝			
Emerson El	82⅝	82⅝	Penney J.C.	78⅝	78½			
Exxon Corp	68	67⅝	Pennzoil	71⅝	71			
Fed Dpt Sts	95½	96⅜	Pepsico	27⅝	28⅜			

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitibi	n/a	n/a
Alcn Alum	43	42⅜
Algoma Stl	13⅜	13⅜
Can Pacific	15⅝	15⅜
Cominco	13¼	13⅜
Con Bathrst	25½	n/a
Hir/Sid Can	27⅜	27⅝
Hdsn B Mln	24½	24⅜
Imasco	34⅝	34½
Imperial Oil	46⅝	45⅝
In Pipe	39⅜	39¼
Ryl Trustco	30⅜	30
Seagram	87	86⅝
Steel Co	21⅜	21
Thmsn N 'A'	28¼	28⅜
Varity Corp	2.70	2.70
Wlkr Hiram	n/a	n/a
WCT	12⅝	12⅝

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

WALL STREET

Dow heads higher at start

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street share prices moved moderately higher in early trading yesterday, helped by slightly higher bond prices and the momentum from last week's gain.

Shares associated with takeovers and restructuring continued to attract attention and lift the overall market.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 4.92 points at 1,882.73. Advancing issues led declining issues by a margin of three to two, on a volume 16 million shares.

Celanese jumped 29 points to 247. American Hoechst, a subsidiary of Hoechst of West Germany, is to acquire Celanese for $245 a share.

Occidental Petroleum fell 1⅛ to 28 and IBM gained ³/₈ to 124. American Electric was down ⅛ at 29⁷/₈, Goodyear was down 1⅛ at 47¼ and Borg-Warner at 37⁷/₈ was up ⅛. Oaklahoma Gas was up ⁷/₈ at 11 and Wedtech was down ⅝ to 4¼.

Union Carbide was down ¼ at 21⁷/₈, Eastman Kodak, at 61¹/₈, was up ¼, Hanson Trust, at 14⁵/₈ was unchanged and A T & T, at 24¾, was down ⅛.

The transportation average was down 1.50 points to 833.88, utilities were up 0.06 points and stocks, at 742.82, were up 0.75 points.

The Standard & Poor's 100 index was up 0.73 at 230.25, while the S & P composite average was up 0.64 at 244.62.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

More heavy trading in Sears

By Carol Leonard

Sears, the Selfridges to Mappin & Webb retail conglomerate, was again the highest volume stock traded on the London Stock Exchange, with 15 million shares going through the market.

The volume figure – 7.5 million shares were sold and 7.5 million shares bought – comes after the relentless activity last week when between 5.9 million and 16 million shares changed hands each day.

But Mr Geoffrey Maitland-Smith, the company's chairman, remains calm. "Its just the same parcel of shares changing hands," he says. He is keeping a close eye on the share register but says he has not yet unearthed anything untoward.

Sears shares advanced another 10.5p to 149.5p in response.

The Sears activity highlights the fact that most of the trade in the stock market since Big Bang has been among market-makers.

There was little outside input and traders complained that, with the SEAQ service curtailed still further yesterday to prevent overloading, it was even more difficult to assess the "feel" of the market.

The services available went without hitch and most equities gained ground. The FT 30 share index closed off its highest level of the day, up 8.7 at 1294.1, while the FT-SE 100 share index closed 7.1 higher at 1639.2.

Gilts had a good day as well, although they, too, closed off their best, with gains of up to £¾ in the longs and £⁵/₁₆ in the shorts.

Among leading equities **Beecham** gained 10p to 440p, **Glaxo** 7p to 950p, **British Telecom** 3p to 192p while ICI eased 6p to 1095p and **Grand Met** lost 1p to 440p. **Hanson Trust**, which started its ADR facility in New York yesterday, firmed a penny to 202p, notching up a volume of 6.1 million shares. And **Racal**, after encouraging press comment on its vodafone, saw 14 million shares go through the market and its shares gain 6p to 174p.

Pilkington, Britain's biggest glass manufacturer, hardened a further 8p to 526p, equal to its high for the year, as speculation heightened that it may be about to bid for United

● Hanover Druce, the estate agency and property company, should impress with its interim results next week. It is on target for £1.3 million pretax profits for the full year, a 45 per cent increase. Its p/e will then have fallen from 20 to 15. Its shares held steady yesterday at 228p.

Scientific Holdings, the defence contractor. Rumours of such a deal have been circulating for more than three months and are now being dismissed as "unlikely" by some market men. The USH share price, down a penny at 147p yesterday, seemed to agree with them.

But others are still firm believers. "It's coming any day now," said one. The believers say there are whispers that Pilkington will offer one of its own shares for every two in USH, valuing each USH share at 263p, with a cash alternative of 225p.

Stores were one of the high spots, on continuing hopes that another increase in interest rates has been averted. **Woolworth** climbed 10p to 643p, **Stylo** 12p to 258p, **Burton** 12p to 294p, **Freemans** 10p to 427p and **Harris Queensway** 9p to 205p.

Oils continued to gain ground with IC Gas the biggest mover, up 8p at 579p, on hopes that Petrofena might yet come in with a white knight bid at around 625p a share to top the offer from the Barclay brothers. **Ultramar** gained 6.5p to 161.5p, **Enterprise** 6p to 152p and **Shell** 5p to 936p.

BP, a penny firmer at 689p, is expected to rise further ahead of its third quarter results on November 20. Mr Philip Capadia, an oil expert at Raphael Zorn, the broker, thinks the results will be surprisingly good.

Most sector analysts are expecting profits for the full-year to drop from £3.6 billion to £1.4 billion, with earnings per share tumbling from 87.4p to between 35p and 39p. But Mr Capadia thinks earnings per share will be more like 43p.

"Most oil companies have not reduced the price of their products in line with the drop in oil prices and consequently will show huge downstream profits," he says. "And a lot of brokers have failed to take into consideration the strength of the swing in oil prices since the Opec meeting. BP's shares are cheap compared to most other oil stocks."

Electricals were active as the old Scrimgeour Vickers electrical team began work at Smith New Court, the market-maker. Most ended a couple of pence better, with the exception of **Oxford Instruments**, which dropped 71p to 465p on disappointing interim results.

BICC gained 4p to 272p, **Chemring** 3p to 568p, **Volex Group** 2p to 248p and **Stone International** a penny to 146p.

Fears about the spread of the Aids virus and hopes of a cure lifted shares in **Wellcome**,

● Royal Bank of Scotland dipped 1p to 319p despite being put on the "buy" list by Wood Mackenzie, the broker, whose banking analyst, Mr David Nisbet, is forecasting £195 million profits and 15 per cent earnings growth for the results published at the end of this month.

which is developing the revolutionary anti-Aids drug AZT, 9.5p to 202.5p. **London International Group**, manufacturer, among other things, of Durex, rose 6.5p to 239.5p on the expectation that condom advertisements will soon be allowed on television as part of a concerted effort by the Government to slow down the spread of the disease.

Avana Group, the cakes and jam manufacturer, advanced 9p to 546p, before settling for a 3p rise at 540p on speculation about the 20 per cent stake owned by **Northern Foods**. Analysts say that Northern Foods could be about to launch a full bid or, alternatively, could be on the brink of selling the holding to another predator such as Hillsdown Holdings. **Hillsdown** shares were unchanged at 211p, as were Northern at 276p.

Messel, the broker, managed to place the balance of C H Beazer's £190 million rights issue with clients after only 71.6 per cent had been taken up. The business, done by Mr Mike Whittles, of the Messel corporate finance department, was completed yesterday and the shares breathed a sigh of relief, putting on 4p to 190p.

IBL, the computer leasing group, which had been languishing at around the 45p level until its interim results a few weeks ago, has risen steadily since then and yesterday touched 73p, a 5p rise on the day, before falling back to close at 70p. The company hosted a reception for its customers, who include lots of City firms, at The Savoy last night and announced three major new clients.

Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising group, leapt 25p to 630p, encouraged by weekend comment. **Wight Collins** followed suit and gained 15p to 500p with **WPP Group** going up 10p to 625p.

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TIMOTHY BEVAN

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"To do that we have to keep ahead of the ever-changing needs of both our corporate and personal customers. I see our major investment in Barclays de Zoete Wedd as being an essential part of that philosophy.

"Throughout industry, here in the U.K. and around the world, banks' corporate clients are turning to the capital markets and the inelegantly termed 'securitisation of debt' as alternatives to more conventional lines of finance. Particular expertise is needed to intermediate between issuers and investors.

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"These are just two specific examples of the improved service we shall be offering to ensure that Barclays stays in front. There will be considerable benefits for both customers of and investors in Barclays Bank from our involvement in Barclays de Zoete Wedd."

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"As Chairman of Barclays de Zoete Wedd, my role is to ensure that we deliver, both to clients of the Bank and to major institutions, services that are complementary to, but different from, those of our parent.

"Distinctions are becoming increasingly blurred between different but similar intermediaries in the global securities market. And in a financial world that is also global in both its outlook and the scale of its financial needs, there is an increasing requirement for an investment banking group with equivalent human and financial resources.

"The combination in Barclays de Zoete Wedd of one of London's top stockbrokers and major market makers, an innovative merchant bank, proven investment management and the resources of the Barclays group will, in my view, meet that need.

"In fact, I believe that our alliance will very quickly prove an invaluable asset to all those clients who are already familiar with the individual parts of our organisation.

"And, of course, I believe it will also be a rewarding investment for the entire Barclays group."

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COMPANY NEWS

● **BOLTON TEXTILE MILL CO:** No dividend for the year to April 30. (Figures in £000). Group turnover 9,870 (12,911), profit before tax and extraordinary items 144 (111), earnings per share 0.94p (1.17p).

● **SAVE AND PROSPER RETURN OF ASSETS INVESTMENT TRUST:** First interim dividend on preferred shares 3.85p, payable on November 30. The directors expect to declare a second interim dividend of 3.85p, payable on May 31.

● **HAMPTON TRUST:** The trust has completed the purchase of the freehold interest in 14/22 Old Brompton Road and 5 Harrington Road, London SW7, and the 50-year leasehold interest in 2/12 Old Brompton Road and 1-10 Egerton Court, London SW7. The consideration was satisfied by the issue of 3.6 million Hampton ordinary shares.

● **HARTONS GROUP:** The rights to 559,795 convertible preference shares have been placed nil paid by de Zoete and Bevan and Foster and Braithwaite on behalf of Mrs M Maimann.

● **MARLER ESTATES:** Agreement has been reached in principle for the acquisition by Breverleigh Investments from Marler Estates of International Business Centres for £1.375 million, to be satisfied by allotment of new ordinary shares in Breverleigh. After the proposed acquisition Marler will own about 67 per cent of Breverleigh.

● **PERRY GROUP:** The company has completed the sale of hire purchase debtors of its subsidiary, Perry Group Finance to Ford Motor Credit Co, for about £5 million cash.

● **HARGREAVES GROUP:** The aggregate number of Hargreaves shares for which acceptances of the increased offer and the new cash alternative have been received or which are owned by Coalite amounts to 19,743,813 shares (54.37 per cent). The increased offer has been declared unconditional as to acceptances. The new cash alternative will remain open for acceptance until November 16.

● **EASTERN PRODUCE (HOLDINGS):** Six months to June 30 (figures in £000). Interim dividend 2.5p (same). Turnover 19,159 (20,208), operating profit 2,355 (2,873), profit on ordinary activities before tax 3,668. Earnings per share: basic – net basis 19.1p (17.9p), nil basis 19.8p (18.7p); fully diluted – net basis 16.4p (15.4p), nil basis 16.9p (16p).

● **CAMBIUM VENTURE CAPITAL:** Half-year to June 30. Interest receivable 4,238 (15,686), operating loss before tax 48,544 (29,926), operating loss after tax 48,544 (33,124), loss per share adjusted 0.52p (0.37p), net asset value adjusted 17.4p (18.7p).

● **TR INDUSTRIAL AND GENERAL TRUST:** Interim dividend 1.5p (1.4p) for six months to September 30 (figures in £000). Proposed one-for-one capitalization. Total revenue 9,721 (10,299), net revenue before tax 7,581 (8,092), earnings per share 2.50p (2.54p), net asset value of ordinary shares after deducting prior charges at par 268.6p (197.9p).

● **HENARA:** Agreement has been reachedon terms of an offer to be made by a subsidiary of Warner-Lambert, valuing Henara at about £8.04 million. Warner-Lambert has obtained irrevocable undertakings to accept from certain directors of Henara together holding 6,051,013 ordinary shares (52.7 per cent).

● **LONDON SCOTTISH FINANCE CORPORATION:** The company has agreed with March, the tailor, for the purchase of its consumer credit business with balances of about £1.3 million and a base of more than 30,000 customers. It is also purchasing the goodwill of March's consumer credit business and the leases of four properties in Hull, Humberside, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, and Keighley and Wakefield in West Yorkshire.

● **LANCA:** Six months to June 30 (figures in £000). No interim dividend (nil). Turnover 2,570 (1,757), operating profit 175.4 (60.6), pretax profit 192.7 (82.4), profit attributable 101.9 (49.4).

● **INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT TRUST OF JERSEY:** Half-year to June 30 (figures in £000). Investment activities 84 (131), share of results of REA Holdings loss 308 (profit 74), share of results of related companies 26 (nil) loss before tax 198 (profit 205), loss per share 24.8p (earnings 1.6p).

● **JEFFERSON SMURFIT GROUP:** The board has approved a stock distribution whereby the holders of common stock and class B common stock will receive one additional share for each share held. The regular quarterly dividend was increased from $0.05 to $0.06 a share, payable on December 2. A special year-end dividend of $0.29, payable on December 22, has also been approved.

● **WILLIAM BOULTON GROUP:** Year to June 30 (figures in £000). Turnover 7,860 (20,357), trading profit before exceptional costs 387 (433), loss before tax 214 (1,182 loss), loss per share 0.6p (3p).

● **KALAMAZOO:** The company is rationalizing its printing and equipment production operation which is spread over two sites – one at the group's Birmingham headquarters and the other at Kalamazoo-Gilberts, a subsidiary at Colindale, north London. The London site is to be closed.

APPOINTMENTS

Livingston Development Corporation: **Mr James Pollock** has been appointed chief executive. He succeeds Mr James Wilson from April.

Pacific Telesis International: **Mr Ross Brown** becomes president and chief executive, succeeding Mr Donald Sledge.

Sharp Electronics (UK): **Mr T Inoue** has been appointed chairman. He succeeds **Mr T Mitsuda** who becomes chairman, Sharp Electronics Corporation USA.

RP Scherer: **Mr Stuart Maconochie** becomes deputy regional president, Europe. **Mr Jorg Siebert** is appointed a managing director, RP Scherer, West Germany.

Howden Group: **Mr KWM Johnsen** has been made deputy managing director.

Continental Illinois: **Mr Platte Amstutz** becomes vice president, international banking department, London. **Mr Roger Dance** is appointed vice president, treasury and securities department, London.

Association for Payment Clearing Services (Apacs): **Mr John Harris** becomes chairman of the council of Apacs from December 1, succeeding Mr Denis Child.

Barings: **Mr Nicholas Baring** has been appointed deputy chairman. **Mr Miles Rivett-Carnac** becomes managing director, Baring Investment Management (Holdings) and will succeed Mr Nicholas Baring as chairman of the subsidiary investment management companies Baring Investment Management, Baring International Investment Management, Baring Fund Managers and Baring Quantitative Management.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
Lloyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
TSB	11.00%
Citibank NA	11.00%

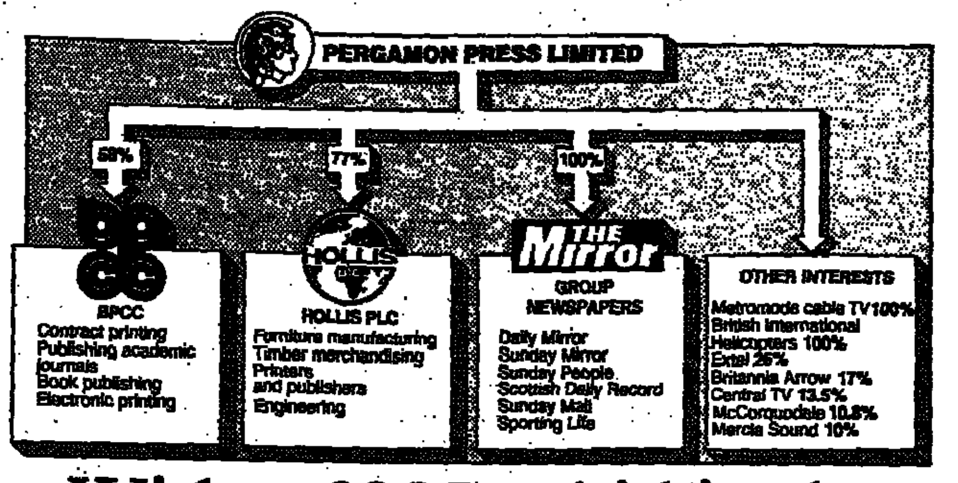
† Mortgage Base Rate.

Big league player who is no longer in it for the money

Only 15 years ago the business career of Mr Robert Maxwell lay in ruins. Today he runs companies worth considerably more than £1 billion and publicly declares an ambition to triple the size of his empire. Yesterday's £287 million bid for the automative engineering group AE is the biggest and most spectacular step in that direction.

The rise and rise of Robert Maxwell is a remarkable chapter in the history of post-war British business; the fact that he has shrugged off so much personal criticism of his abrasive style and aggressive methods makes him a man to reckon with.

Mr Maxwell has never been one to take no for an answer. Even when his fortunes were at their lowest ebb, after the failure of his bitter struggle for control of the *News of the World* and after harsh criticism by the Department of Trade, he talked always as though he would become top dog in the end.



With a £287m bid in the arena, the Maxwell style comes under scrutiny

"When I have control of a national newspaper group....", he would say to friends during the 1970s when it appeared the most unlikely thing in the world.

"I am the only man who can deal with the Fleet Street print unions," he asserted when they were at the height of their powers and when it seemed

Former refugee with a talent for struggling out from under

that any management which took them on was on a hiding to nothing.

Mr Maxwell never made any secret of his enormous ambition to build a publishing empire, even when he was *persona non grata* in the City whose support was essential. A millionaire many times over, who declares his commitment to socialism and maintains extensive links with Eastern Europe, he thrives on eyeball to eyeball confrontation.

He has never at any time looked in danger of becoming an establishment figure — not even as an MP, tub-thumping on behalf of an "I'm backing Britain" campaign in support of domestic manufacturing industry.

But if there is one thing that the 63-year-old former Czech refugee has demonstrated repeatedly, it is a skill for getting out from under.

The web of interests under his direct control now includes a national newspaper company, Mirror Group Newspapers — and he did indeed show consummate skill in dealing with the print unions. Far from being crushed by the DTI verdict that he could not always be trusted to exercise proper stewardship of a public company, he controls a couple and has share stakes in several more.

His rescue of the near-bankrupt British Printing Corporation was a Maxwell classic. It required a gambler's belief that the company could be rationalized in the face of furious opposition from the unions and that an immensely profitable core would emerge against all the odds.

He snapped up almost 30 per cent of BPC and when trading continued to deteriorate, he put in a further £8 million in a make-or-break investment. It was a move that could be fairly described as going for broke, giving Maxwell almost 80 per cent of the equity and with no-one else to blame if the rescue

City figures were persuaded that he was worth backing after all

failed after all.

Largely thanks to a personal ability to outface the unions and win agreement on swingeing closures and job losses together with a dealer's eye for the value of the surplus property which resulted, he transformed BPC into one of the largest and most successful printing conglomerates in Europe.

The BPC deal was pivotal, for it persuaded many City figures that Maxwell was worth backing after all, despite the strictures of the DTI. When the Pru accepted BPC (now re-named British Printing and Communication Corporation) paper in an investment trust bid — effectively a disguised rights issue — the rehabilitation was well under way.

A similar but much bigger deal last September underlined the fact that Mr Maxwell has come in from the cold.

He bought the Philip Hill Investment Trust for more than £350 million and liquidated the portfolio smoothly. Lots of the City's big investment names were happy to accept BPCC paper. Along the way Mr Maxwell has picked up top drawer friends such as Morgan Grenfell and Mr David Stevens, chairman of United Newspapers.

As his financial clout increased so he has shifted to overdrive his involvement in a string of deals. So far this year he has acquired a US publisher for $117 million (£83.6 million), paid £13.5 million for British Airway's helicopter interests, spent $153 million (£109.3 million) on an American printing house, rescued the ailing cranemaker Stothert & Pitt and acquired the Grosvenor engineering group.

He has designs on Extel, the financial and sporting information group, and has become deeply involved as a major stakeholder in the bid battle for McCorquodale, the banknote printer.

Yesterday's bid for the beleaguered AE group showed Mr Maxwell putting his money where his mouth is in pursuit of an aim to build the Hollis group (which he bought for £4 million in 1982) into a major engineering group with a high technology bias.

The ambition of Mr Maxwell could scarcely have come at a better moment for AE, which managed to fend off an attack from Turner & Newall by a whisker only to have the Takeover Panel cry "foul" and, last week, allow a renewed bid.

To outsiders, it has all the hallmarks of another Maxwell trait, impetuosity, which in the past has led him to step in as saviour, sometimes welcome sometimes not, for a string of companies and even football clubs like Oxford United. In this role, Mr Maxwell has cast himself as white knight to the Edinburgh Commonwealth Games and even as a fund raiser for famine relief in Africa.

In business terms he has to

The offer for AE shows him putting his money where his mouth is

be seen these days as a big league player with the resources and the bravado to walk where angels fear to tread. There remains though the mystery of what drives the man, who still inspires fear and apprehension more frequently than respect. He refuses to disclose who controls his master company Pergamon through an unbreakable Liechtenstein trust.

What is certain is that he has long since passed the point where he is in it for the money.

John Bell
City Editor

COMMENT

Dr Lawson's pound is convalescing

The pound, even if it is no longer the wimp of the currency world, hardly represents a picture of strength and vigour. But its painful climb from the depths has at least given the London markets something to latch on to.

Yesterday, both gilts and equities gained ground, if a little cautiously, as money market rates eased in response to the pound's rise. Gilts rose by up to half a point, and the FT 30-share index almost made it to 1,300. Three-month interbank rate now straddles 11 per cent.

The sterling index ended 0.3 up at 68.7, having touched 69 in the morning. Against the mark, the pound closed another 1.5 pfennigs up at 2.9132.

Majority opinion is now that base rates can be held at 11 per cent, thanks to the Japanese and the new Saudi oil minister. The Big Bang may even have helped by giving market participants something to worry about other than the direction of interest rates. And the optimism in the gilt market yesterday, according to John Sheppard of Warburg Securities, arose from the fact that the fringes are now occupied by those who believe that the next move in rates will be downwards.

Such talk is premature. Market opinion can change very rapidly — for example with a bad set of figures for the official reserves today — but the pressure, most decidedly, has eased.

And this is rather important for Mr Lawson in the run-up to the election. In January, the crisis passed with a single one-point rise in base rates. Should the same thing happen again, the markets will begin to think that this is the norm. And that will be invaluable when political factors grip the pound.

The Japanese discount rate cut, whether followed by a US move, has at least reminded the markets in London that interest rates can go down as well as up. A cut in rates in Britain probably requires a reduction by the Bundesbank — and this was swiftly ruled out last week. A month ago, the Bank of Japan was just as firm in its rejection of lower rates.

The prospect of oil prices at $18 or $20 a barrel has emerged with the replacement of Sheikh Yamani as Saudi Oil Minister by Sheikh Nazer. It may not come about but the possibilities help Mr Lawson out in two ways.

The first is the direct impact upon sterling which is already showing itself. The second is the effect on the Government's finances, which will come under close scrutiny with the Treasury's autumn statement, perhaps on Thursday next week.

The public spending numbers are widely expected to be rather dodgy. The Chancellor has to present an unchanged public spending planning total of £144 billion for 1987-88 and there is a limit, probably £2.5 billion, on how small the reserve can be.

The markets will be on the look out for creative accounting and helpful assumptions, even if autumn statements these days are stripped of much useful information.

When this is lined up against the near certainty of pre-election tax cuts in the Budget next March, the computers of brokers' economists, like most other computers in the City just now, start to go haywire.

But if oil prices are rising and if non-oil revenues continue strong, the sums start to look a little tidier. Pre-election spending and tax cuts might be achieved without the sort of post-election consequences which characterized the Howe-Lawson changeover in 1983.

We are not yet out of the woods on base rates. It has been a while since we have had a winter without a sterling crisis. But perhaps the Chancellor has a vested interest in not letting complacency settle in too quickly.

After all, the mere avoidance of another rise in rates could be sufficient carrot for the equity market readying itself for British Gas.

Sweetness and fight

The stakes in the battle between Ferruzzi and Tate & Lyle for control of British Sugar have been raised over the past few months.

Tate's £480 million offer last May for the whole of S & W Berisford, owner of British Sugar, is now well below the going rate. Ferruzzi is offering about £400 million for 70 per cent of BS, putting a value of £570 million on 100 per cent.

S & W Berisford, including its commodity trading interests, is valued at only £546 million on the stock market. Ferruzzi is clearly prepared to pay a generous price for its entry into the British sugar market.

Tate & Lyle may think Ferruzzi's price a bit steep but it is not giving up the fight. Neil Shaw, chairman of Tate, pointed out yesterday that Ferruzzi's impending deal is still subject to approval by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and then to approval by Berisford's shareholders. Certainly Tate will still be there with an alternative when and if MMC clearance comes.

It has been encouraged by a recent Gallup poll it commissioned among 500 British sugar beet farmers. Given the choice of Ferruzzi or Tate, those with a view voted 85 per cent for Tate and only 5 per cent for Ferruzzi.

The battle for the hearts and minds of the farmers has been waged by both sides in the fields of East Anglia and the Midlands for the past two months. Whether the farmers' opinion will have any effect on the MMC is a moot point.

Tate is clearly at a disadvantage, compared with Ferruzzi, when it comes to financial muscle. It has an outside chance that the MMC will accept its argument that the British sugar industry should speak with one national voice and that its potential 90 per cent monopoly of the British market pales into insignificance compared with Ferruzzi's dominance in the European Economic Community market.

However, the betting is that either both will be allowed to bid or both will be disallowed. If the MMC waves both on, there is still much to play for. Ephraim Margulies, Berisford's chairman, is nothing if not a trader. A deal with Ferruzzi this week is not necessarily a deal forever.

IN THE MARKET

Boom in gilts turns on Poehl

The authorities have been rapping with the gilts market in the most unctuous way imaginable during the past week. Something is afoot.

First, the market was offered stock which could hardly fail to evoke sweet memories. Treasury 10 per cent Convertible 1991, which went on sale by tender last Wednesday, was crafted in much the same was as Exchequer 10¼ per cent 1989, the wonder stock of end-1985, which led the global bonds boom at the beginning of the year.

After an uncertain start, retail demand developed for Treasury 10 per cent towards the end of last week and the stock traded up to a very reasonable premium. At one point yesterday, it was well over one point ahead of the nominal par price of £40 per cent.

Traders who tended successfully are feeling well pleased. So too are the authorities, who have succeeded in conjuring £400 million out of the market's sticky paws.

Not content with this success, the authorities then decided to play both ends against the middle on Friday by announcing fresh taplets to the order of £400 million. This is very much old-style funding, with the authorities selling directly into the secondary market.

But the net effect has been the same. Insatiable demand for Government stock has developed. The taplets had been sold by early yesterday morning.

Not the least reason for this may have been the coded message contained in the block of taplets. The arrangement of the coupons, taken in items of the maturities of the stocks describes a falling sequence, a structure which in the recent past has foreshadowed a drop in base rates.

The authorities appear to be hinting that base rates may fall shortly towards 10 per cent, perhaps by some half point at the start. "What's all the trouble about, boys," the Old Lady is drawling, very Dietrich and azure-lidded. "Forget about our little tiffs recently. Come and spend your money and enjoy yourselves. You have nothing to fear..."

The authorities want the market to gloss over the ill-tempered trading of October when the Chancellor steadfastly refused to allow base rates to rise by some two points to 12 per cent. They are offering such attractive stock by way of intimating that the crisis is over. Sterling has pushed ahead on the exchanges.

Oil prices may well now firm, with a new Saudi Oil Minister at the helm of Opec. Over-supply of credit in the money markets is steadily pushing period rates lower.

Enter Gergil at this juncture, wagging a scaly forefinger. "Timeo Danaos dona ferentes", he screams before vanishing back into his Underworld pit — I fear Greeks bearing gifts or, freely translated, be careful about those smooth-talking chaps round at the Bank.

There are real reasons for not bursting into song about current British gilt yields, even though returns are currently well over 11 per cent. The authorities' principal motivation during November will be to ensure the successful flotation of British Gas. That is why the base rate talk is so important. Even a smallcut would help to promote Stock Market buoyancy, a vital ingredient for an impressive piece of privatization.

But any strong gilts rally which accompanies a base rate cut, in theory, robs holders of Government stock of the yield protection they require against rickety sterling, post British Gas.

It should be pointed out that British credit policy has not changed a jot in the course of the past few months. Rapid broad money growth is still capable of wreaking havoc on the currency.

The speech by the Governor of the Bank of England to Loughborough University effectively reopened the entire question of broad money targetry via the Governor's Delphically-expressed agnosticism about current policy.

Yet the whole question of the interplay between Government and Central Bank can be analysed in a far broader context, after the Sumita-Baker deal announced late last week. The cut in the Official Discount Rate in Japan looks like a *quid pro quo* to the US ahead of Congressional elections.

But the commitment to honouring the current exchange rate of Yen 160 to the dollar ought, over the longer term, to bring about a switch in US credit policy, not least because the US has now formally acknowledged that it will not seek to trim its deficits via dollar devaluation. On this basis, the Fed will not seek shortly to ease. Pro forma, it may tighten.

But has an Anglo-German pact, similar to the Nippon-US agreement, been hatched through some form of secret Dover Treaty between the Prime Minister and Herr Poehl, President of the Bundesbank?

Traders with long memories will recall that at the height of the latest sterling crisis, Herr Poehl appeared in London, talked to a few people, and wrought calm in turbulent markets as if by magic. Later, the German central banker appeared to hint that he could guarantee support for sterling unconditionally and indefinitely.

Significantly, the Germans have not cut their rates in sympathy with the Japanese, treating that move purely as a feature of a localized bilateral deal involving the US and Japan.

Germany is sticking to her austere interpretation of monetary targetry as justification for not easing. This in turn leaves the British authorities in something of a quandary. They cannot continue to enjoy the support of the Bundesbank in foreign exchange markets while running an expansionary credit policy, part of which consists of expedient rate cutting.

Any gravitation by Britain into the German orbit may well be gradual. Over a period of time, a more stable relationship between broad money growth and GDP may develop. Germany may not insist on too much too soon, assuming Britain continues to seek assistance for sterling.

But the repartitioning of the world which seems to be taking place leaves gilts perhaps locked into a very narrow trading range, rather than poised to enjoy an absolute drop in returns.

Christopher Dunn

Flotation of Stanhope is confirmed

By Judith Huntley

Mr Stuart Lipton, joint developer of schemes such as the £500 million Broadgate development at Liverpool Street station, London and Stockley Park, the 2.5 million sq ft business park near Heathrow Airport, is to bring his private company Stanhope Securities to the market within the next few weeks. Conservative estimates put Stanhope's value at more than £100 million.

Stanhope revealed its plans, with its partner Rosehaugh, for the Spitalfields Market site on the eastern edge of the City yesterday. The developers are bidding to build 750,000 sq ft of offices on the site.

ALPHA STOCKS

These prices are as at 6.45pm

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer		Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E	Volume traded '000
363	248	Allied-Lyons	308	312		-4	13.6	4.4	14.1	795
174	126	ASDA-MFI	168	170		+4	4.5	2.7	18.5	3,700
332	237	BTR	293	295	•	+3	9.6	3.3	20.5	1,300
469	308	BAT	486	488	•	+4½	18.4	3.9	12.2	3,000
590	429	Barclays	490	495		+3	28.1	5.7	7.1	244
840	620	Bass	740	745		+9	21.7	2.9	15.8	227
443	318	Beecham	435	437		+2	17.1	3.9	18.1	2,900
726	526	Blue Circle	610	612		-1	30.0	4.9	8.7	117
386	277½	BOC	338	340		+1	14.1	4.2	12.9	282
289	170	Boots	233	234		+6	10.1	4.3	15.2	4,400
608	421	Br Aerospace	473	475	•	+5	23.4	4.9	10.0	—
706	516	Br Petroleum	667	690	•	+6	48.6	7.1	7.5	2,400
260	177½	Br Telecom	190	192		+3	10.7	5.6	11.2	8,300
210	98	Britoil	148	150		+5½	9.2	6.2	4.0	7,590
356	236	Burton	292	294		+14	6.9	2.3	20.2	2,100
369	277	Cable & Wireless	332	334		+8	6.8	2.0	18.2	3,200
198	142	Cadbury Schweppes	188	190		-1	8.7	4.6	22.1	1,600
336	228	Com Union	285	287	•	-1	17.4	6.1	..	2,400
704	409	Cons Goldfields	628	633	•	+6	35.0	5.5	18.0	690
315	180	Courtaulds	306	307		+4½	9.3	3.0	10.3	1,700
438	216	Dixons Grp	360	362		+12	4.3	1.2	25.7	1,400
650	408	Fisons	578	582		..	8.4	1.4	25.8	120
954	701	Gen Accident	860	865		+3	34.3	4.0	21.4	459
226	158	GEC	171	174		+3½	6.1	3.5	10.8	3,200
11¼	756½	Glaxo	952	955		+9	20.0	2.1	17.6	1,200
458	328	Grand Met	440	442		+1	13.5	3.1	14.8	792
11½	721	GUS 'A	10¼	10¼	•	+½	30.0	2.9	13.6	819
964	720	GRE	828	832		-5	42.5	5.1	24.1	204
385	235	GKN	248	250	•	+7	17.9	7.2	8.4	1,500
355	275	Guinness	335	337		-1	10.3	3.1	12.7	903
208½	141	Hanson	203	204		+6	5.7	2.8	18.1	6,800

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623	403	Hawker Siddley	432	435		+11	21.4	4.9	9.6	952
11¼	734	Imp Chem Ind	10⅞	11		..	48.6	4.4	12.3	889
583	335	Jaguar	515	517	•	-3	12.7	2.5	10.7	572
391	312	Ladbroke	365	367		+6	16.8	4.6	17.4	146
348	276	Land Securities	331	333		+2½	14.0	4.2	22.2	338
288	133	Legal & Gen	230	233	•	+1	12.3	5.3	29.8	258
484	293	Lloyds	423	425		+2	25.0	5.9	6.8	315
288	183	Lonhro	240	241		+½	17.1	7.1	11.9	630
231	163	Marks & Spencer	197	199		+2	5.6	2.9	23.6	944
599	417	Midland	553	557		+5	37.1	6.7	20.6	1,100
598	426	Nat West	530	535		+10	27.6	5.2	5.8	1,200
576	428	P & O Dfrd	510	512	•	..	25.0	4.9	14.6	396
248	162	Plessey	176	178	•	+2	7.2	4.1	13.1	3,900
942	718	Prudential	780	785	•	+10	38.6	4.9	51.7	317
234	146	Racal Elect	175	177		+11	4.3	2.4	18.6	14,000
900	605	Reckit Colman	768	772		+2	23.9	3.1	18.6	116
544	345	Reuters	538	540		-2	5.4	1.0	40.8	220
781	511	RTZ	683	687	•	+2	31.4	4.6	9.1	141
967	762	Royal Ins	828	830		+9	38.8	4.7	68.0	811
426	344	Sainsbury (J)	396	398		+1	7.9	2.0	23.1	485
148½	102	Sears	139½	140	•	+3½	5.0	3.6	16.0	15,000
415	321	Sedgwick Gp	368	372		-8	17.1	4.6	17.6	757
970	653	Shell	934	937	•	+12	51.4	5.5	9.2	1,800
168	96	STC	154	158		+2	2.1	1.3	14.5	1,200
772	620	Sun Alliance	698	702		-1	27.5	3.9	63.0	200
98	80	TSB P/P	82	83		-¼	..	..	..	—
420	265	Tesco	400	403		+1	8.9	2.2	22.9	1,300
529	374	Thorn EMI	463	467		+5	26.0	5.4	34.0	945
349	248	Trafalgar House	287	289		+1	18.9	6.6	7.8	350
209	139	Trusthouse Forte	165	169		+1½	7.9	4.8	16.4	1,200
19⅛	13⅛	Unilever	19⅛	19⅛		..	56.2	2.9	17.6	567
299	216	Utd Biscuits	230	232		-½	13.6b	5.9	12.5	1,000

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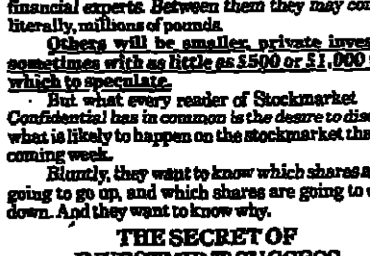

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Share/spent	Bought for	Sold for	% Gain
Bestalls	131p	190p	21%
Merivale Moore	124p	160p	24%
Watsham's	168p	192p	14%
Empire Stores	156p	194p	20%
H. Samuel	193p	290p	45%
Edbro Holdings	152p	220p	40%
Morland & Co.	195p	247p	22%
Pritchard Group	71p	118p	61%
Dunhill Holdings	358p	506p	37%
Bromsgrove Industries	79p	119p	46%
Jones Woodhead & Sons	38p	50p	27%
Benford Concrete Mach.	68p	90p	28%
Squirrel Horn	26p	36p	34%
Airflow Streamlines	24p	52p	111%
Milletts Leisure	163p	218p	29%
Raine Industries	61p	82p	30%
Mitchell Somers	93p	124p	29%
Keep Trust	14½p	213p	1250%
A.G. Barr	250p	355p	37%
Robert M. Douglas	108p	128p	14%
Bestobell	397p	564p	39%
Slaters Food Products	153p	190p	20%
Barrie Inv. & Finance (formerly Abwood Machine Tools)	10p	14½p	43%
Ratners (Jewellers)	156p	190p	17%
Cannon St. Investments	105p	129p	18%
Hargreaves Group	84p	267p	211%
J.S.D. Computers	27p	150p	447%
Star-Plus Group	278p	340p	21%
Good Relations	95p	148p	51%
S&U Stores	40p	50p	20%

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Little to go for in Associated British Foods' shares

It is not every day that you can buy a food company for less than half the going rate. Yet that is all the market is willing to pay for Associated British Foods.

Stripping out cash and investments of 200p from the share price of 293p, the food companies, which are capable of earning more than £110 million before tax, are valued at only 93p a share, implying an after tax multiple of just over 5 (assuming a 35 per cent tax charge).

ABF's milling and baking side comprises roughly half its business worldwide, and this has been flat so far this year. However, the other half – the myriad of small companies involved in yeast, starch, canning, ice-cream and other activities – have all shown big improvments, the result of a heavy investment programme in the past five years.

Thus the group was able to report interim profits, before investment income, up by 22 per cent to £42.1 million on turnover up 10 per cent to £1 billion for the six months to September 27.

Ever since the 1983 disposal of Premier, which gave it its initial cash bump of £200 million, the company has been seeking a major acquisition. Since 1983, far from making an acquisition, it has made another major sale – Fine Fare.

This took its cash and investments up to a mountainous £800 million, equivalent to two-thirds of its stock market value.

Were it not for the fact that 71 per cent of the shares are controlled by the chairman, Mr Garry Weston and his family, ABF would have been taken over long ago.

The message from the market is clear. Those who want to invest in food companies will pay the going rate of around 13 times prospective earnings, and those who want something a little less risky than equities will buy gilts.

ABF is not enough of a food company and not at all an investment company and, in the absence of some strategic direction, the shares are likely to remain cheap.

UDO

When UDO Holdings – which started life in 1919 as the Universal Drawing Office – moved up from the Unlisted Securities Market to a full listing in May it was signalling a determination to step up the pace of development. Its supporters have no reason to be disappointed.

Full year results yesterday show pretax profits up from £1.5 million to £2.7 million, better than many had expected, on turnover of almost £21 million compared with £12.6 million. Not surprisingly, the shares rose 8p to 160p on the news.

UDO has cornered a niche market in supplying drawing office equipment and a copying service to draughtsmen, architects, consulting engineers and other professionals which many would find too expensive to operate on their own.

The spread of the business helps to minimize damage caused by setbacks in any one sector and, indeed, the rundown in oil activity has left UDO's operation in Scotland bruised but not battered.

There was an £800,000 contribution in the latest 12 months from Sime Malloch, the Scottish reprographics company acquired in April 1985, but there has been firm underlying organic growth from squeezing more earnings out of the existing network of 40 offices around the country. Since the year end there has been further expansion of the branches.

Mr Robert Race of brokers Charlton Seal Dimmock is looking for profits before tax of around £3.5 million.

Oxford Instruments

In its short life as a quoted company, Oxford Instruments has experienced a broad range of City moods.

Analysts shunned it when it came to the market in October 1983. But excellent results drewattention.

Now considered a glamour stock, yesterday's results, up by a mere 28 per cent, did not have the pull to prevent the shares falling by 12 per cent.

Diagnostic imaging, which accounts for just under half of the business, is growing at 25 per cent a year. Although in line with the group's estimates, this is below some forecasts.

Magnets still account for two thirds of the business. However, the group is developing products which will enlarge the market.

The low cost compact magnet and the self-shield magnet to be launched next month are just such products.

A prototype high field strength 600mHz magnet now being produced has enormous sales potential.

In the field of scientific instrumentation, the development of a compact synchrotron is progressing. This is designed for industrial application and complements the group's ion milling operations and its new acquisition, Plasma Technology.

The rating on a conservative current year estimate of £21 million is 16.2 times. Given the potential of new products and the group's track record, this is not demanding. However, the cautious should keep an eye on the Japanese venture – which is disappointingly slow – and the extent to which customers are prefering to manufacture magnets themselves.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10¾ Low 7
Week fixed: 10¾

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 mnth	10⅜	2 mnth	10⅜
3 mnth	10 11/16	3 mnth	10 9/16

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10¾-10 23/32 2 mnth 10¾-10 11/16
3 mnth 10 21/32-10 19/32 6 mnth 10⅝-10½

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11⅛ 2 mnth 11⅛
3 mnth 11 1/32 6 mnth 11⅛

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 10½ close 10
1 week 10⅝-10½ 6 mnth 11 1/16-10 15/16
1 mnth 10 13/16-10⅝ 9 mnth 11 1/16-10 15/16
3 mnth 11 1/16-10 15/16 12 mnth 10 15/16-10¾

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10½ 7 days 10⅝
1 mnth 10⅝ 3 mnth 10⅞
6 mnth 10⅞ 12 mth 10⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11¼-11 2 mnth 11¼-11
3 mnth 11¼-11 6 mnth 11⅛-11
9 mnth 11¼-11 12 mth 11¼-11

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 10¾-10⅝ 3 mnth 11-10⅞
6 mnth 11-10⅞ 12 mth 10⅞-10¾

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 5.90-5.85 3 mnth 5.80-5.75
6 mnth 5.80-5.75 12 mth 5.95-5.90

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
7 days 5 11/16-5⅝ call 6¼-5¼
3 mnth 5 15/16-5 13/16 1 mnth 5 15/16-5 13/16
6 mnth 5 15/16-5 13/16
Deutschmark
7 days 4⅝-4½ call 5-4
3 mnth 4⅝-4½ 1 mnth 4⅝-4½
6 mnth 4 11/16-4 9/16
French Franc
7 days 7½-7¼ call 7½-6⅞
3 mnth 7⅞-7⅝ 1 mnth 7 9/16-7 7/16
6 mnth 8 3/16-8 1/16
Swiss Franc
7 days 1⅝-⅞ call 19-17
3 mnth 3 15/16-3 13/16 1 mnth 3 3/16-3 1/16
6 mnth 4-3⅞
Yen
7 days 4¾-4⅝ call 5⅛-4⅝
3 mnth 4 11/16-4 9/16 1 mnth 4 9/16-4 7/16
6 mnth 4 11/16-4 9/16

GOLD

Gold:$405.50-406.00
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$ 403.00-406.00 (£285.50-288.00)
Sovereigns* (new):
$ 95.50-96.50 (£67.50-68.50)
Platinum
$ 572.25 (£405.00)
*Excludes VAT

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Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period October 8, 1986 to October 31, 1986 inclusive: 11.237 per cent.

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EQUITIES

Anglia Secs (115p)	202
Appleyard (125p)	188
BCE (38p)	40 −½
Baker Harris Sndr (170p)	203
Berry,Birch&Noble (115p)	122
Blenheim Exhib (95p)	128 −2
Citygrove (100p)	102
Creighton Labs (130p)	193
Euro Home (160p)	151
Great Southern (135p)	160
Guthrie Corp (150p)	169 −1
Harrison (150p)	157
Hughes Food (20p)	28
Interlink Express (185p)	205 +1
Local Lon Gp	255 +5
Marlborough Tech (110p)	134 −2
Mecca Leisure (135p)	154 +½
Miller & Santhouse (105p)	172
Newage Trans (75p)	72
Radamec Gp (90p)	93 +1
Rotunda (95p)	90
Ryman (110p)	102 +1
Sandell Perkins (135p)	163 −1
Scot Mtge 100% #25	£19
TSB Group (100p)	82½ −¼
Thames TV (190p)	299 +1
Treas 10% c.91 #96.50	£41 13/16 +¾
Whinney Mackay (160p)	165 +1
Wooltons Better (104p)	85
Yelverton (38p)	37
Yorkshire TV (125p)	161 +1

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Allied Lyons (*314)	300	27	37	43	9	13	18
	330	11	18	30	25	27	30
	360	2½	9	—	50	52	—
BP (*686)	600	102	120	—	6	15	—
	650	67	82	98	15	32	40
	700	32	45	63	35	57	65
Cons Gold (*640)	550	114	135	—	12	20	—
	600	80	97	110	20	40	47
	650	52	70	82	42	57	70
Courtaulds (*308)	260	53	65	—	1	3	—
	280	35	48	56	4	7	10
	300	21	32	41	10	13	16
	330	8	—	—	25	—	—
Com Union (*288)	260	36	44	—	3	8	—
	280	24	31	39	11	15	18
	300	13	21	28	22	24	28
Cable & Wire (*339)	300	45	60	72	6	12	18
	325	28	42	—	15	18	—
	350	13	28	—	25	28	—
	375	5	—	—	47	—	—
GEC (*173)	160	19	26	32	4	8	8
	180	8	16	19	12	17	21
	200	2½	5½	—	30	32	—
Grand Met (*441)	360	93	98	—	1	3	—
	390	65	72	—	2	6	—
	420	42	52	68	11	13	20
	460	18	33	47	30	35	38
ICI (*1098)	950	177	190	—	5	11	—
	1000	132	145	—	8	20	—
	1050	90	107	135	17	32	40
	1100	57	77	100	36	55	58
Land Sec (*332)	300	36	47	56	4	7	10
	330	16	28	37	10	15	21
	360	7	12	—	31	32	—
Marks & Spen (*197)	180	24	32	40	3	6	8
	200	9	17	25	10	12	15
	220	3	10	12	25	26	27
Shell Trans (*930)	850	108	127	147	8	22	30
	900	68	90	115	20	37	50
	950	35	60	78	43	65	80
Trafalgar House (*288)	260	35	44	52	4	8	10
	280	20	30	38	12	17	20
	300	10	17	27	23	27	31
TSB (*82)	80	9	13	15	3	5	6
	90	4½	7	9	8½	11	12
	100	1½	3½	—	18	16½	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Beecham (*442)	360	88	97	—	2	3	—
	390	57	57	82	5	8	12
	420	33	52	60	10	20	25
	460	15	30	—	33	40	—
Boots (*233)	200	35	44	52	1	3	5
	220	18	27	37	5	10	12
	240	5½	17	24	15	16	21
BTR (*282)	280	24	36	43	6	10	15
	300	—	24	32	—	18	25
	307	9	—	—	19	—	—
Bass (*744)	650	110	120	135	3	7	13
	700	63	78	95	8	17	30
	750	28	50	65	25	40	50
Blue Circle (*610)	550	73	85	95	8	17	23
	600	42	55	68	25	33	40
	650	18	33	45	55	60	65
De Beers (*700)	650	80	105	—	20	45	—
	700	50	88	105	47	70	90
	750	30	63	83	80	100	125
	800	15	40	—	120	135	—
Dixons (*361)	300	68	76	—	1	2	—
	330	38	48	68	5	6	12
	360	17	30	48	14	18	20
GKN (*249)	240	20	31	39	9	13	17
	260	11	21	29	20	25	28
	280	4	12	17	32	36	40
	300	2	6	—	52	52	—
Glaxo (*955)	900	78	112	142	18	38	50
	950	42	85	114	40	60	75
	1000	24	64	94	74	90	100
	1050	13	42	—	115	125	—
Hanson (*203)	160	46½	49½	—	1	2	—
	180	27	32	36½	1½	4½	6½
	200	12	18	23½	6	9½	14½
Jaguar (*516)	500	38	55	78	18	30	35
	550	15	27	48	47	52	55
	600	4	17	—	87	90	—
Thorn EMI (*465)	420	57	67	77	3	8	13
	460	25	42	54	17	20	25
	500	11	27	34	40	45	48
	550	2	9	—	90	93	—
Tesco (*402)	330	83	—	—	1	—	—
	360	53	70	—	3	8	—
	390	27	43	60	7	15	22
	420	13	25	35	24	32	35
Midland Bank (*552)	500	57	75	85	2	8	12
	550	15	37	50	15	27	33
	600	3	12	20	52	55	60
P & O (*511)	460	57	70	80	1½	5	8
	500	18	38	57	6	13	23
	550	3	18	28	42	45	50
	600	½	—	—	90	—	—
Racal (*175)	160	18	28	36	3	8	12
	180	4	14	22	11	17	22
	200	1½	7	12	28	30	34
RTZ (*690)	600	95	112	127	2	12	23
	650	45	77	95	8	28	42
	700	18	47	62	28	52	65
	750	5	—	—	70	—	—
Vaal Reefs (*71)	70	7	11	14½	4	8½	10½
	80	1½	6	9	10½	13½	15
	90	¾	3	5½	19½	22	23½

	Series	Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
Brit Aero (*474)	420	58	78	85	1	8	15
	460	22	48	60	8	18	25
	500	6	28	40	32	38	45
BAT Inds (*489)	360	113	125	—	½	1	—
	390	83	98	107	1	3	6
	420	53	73	82	2	7	13
	460	18	37	49	9	17	23
Barclays (*489)	460	35	60	70	3	8	12
	500	9	30	42	20	27	33
	550	1½	11	23	65	67	90
Brit Telecom (*191)	180	15	22	28	1	7	9
	200	2	10	18	10	16	19
	220	½	3½	11	29	30	34
Cadbury Schwpps (*190)	160	32	41	46	1½	6	7
	180	14	26	31	4	11	13
	200	3	15	20	11	20	23
Guinness (337)	300	42	48	55	2	7	12
	330	15	23	33	9	17	22
	360	2	9	17	28	35	38
Imperial Gr (*393)	300	105	—	—	1	—	—
	330	75	—	—	1	—	—
	360	45	—	—	1	—	—
Ladbroke (*366)	330	39	57	62	1½	7	10
	360	14	32	42	7	15	18
	390	2	13	25	27	33	37
LASMO (*134)	110	25	32	37	2	5	8
	120	16	25	30	3	8	12
	130	9	15	22	7	13	18
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£102)	100	2⅝	3 1/16	3 5/16	3/16	¾	1 1/16
	102	1⅝	1¾	2⅝	13/16	1½	3 1/16
	104	⅝	1	1 7/16	2 1/16	2⅜	3⅜
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£109)	106	3¾	5	9/16	¼	1 7/16	2 3/16
	108	2⅝	4	7/16	11/16	2⅝	3
	110	1 3/16	2¾	3/16	1⅝	3 1/16	4
	112	½	3 1/16	3 1/16	3	4¾	5⅝
	114	3/16	1 1/16	3 1/16	4¾	5 3/16	6⅝
	116	1/16	15/16	1⅝	6⅝	7⅝	7⅝

	Series	Calls Nov	Mar	Jun	Puts Nov	Mar	Jun
Lonrho (*241)	200	42	49	52	1½	2	6
	218	24	—	—	2	—	—
	235	10	—	—	5	—	—
	240	—	20	27	—	16	21
	255	3	—	—	18	—	—

	Series	Calls Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Puts Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
FT-SE Index (*1641)	1525	128	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
	1550	103	118	130	—	3	8	15	—
	1575	80	95	110	—	7	13	23	—
	1600	62	77	93	—	13	20	30	—
	1625	45	60	77	90	22	28	40	48
	1650	30	45	62	70	33	38	50	58
	1675	18	32	—	—	43	50	—	—
	1700	12	20	—	—	63	65	—	—

November 3, 1986. Total contracts 35260. Calls 26761. Puts 8499. *Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Oct 20	Oct 31	Jan 22	Feb 2
Nov 3	Nov 14	Feb 5	Feb 16
Nov 17	Nov 28	Feb 19	Mar 2

Call options were taken out on: 3/11/86 London & Financial, Equity & General, Tozer Kemsley, Systems Designers, Sears, Cowen de Groot, Richardson & West, British Car Auctions, South Asia Oil, Britoil, Pheonix Props., Abaco Investments, Audiotronic, Amstrad, North Kalgurli Mines, Tay Homes, Continuous Stationary, TSB, Johnson Firth Brown, Saatchi & Saatchi, GKN, CASE Group, Marlborough,Tech., Peek Holdings, Southern Resources.
Put: Amstrad, Riley Leisure.
Put & Call: Sycamore Holdings.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Dec 86	88.92	88.98	88.90	88.94	3875
Mar 87	89.30	89.36	89.28	89.32	472
Jun 87	89.59	89.59	89.50	89.55	147
Sep 87	89.48	89.48	89.48	89.45	5
Dec 87	89.22	89.22	89.22	89.18	10
Mar 88	89.00	89.05	89.00	88.95	35
Previous day's total open interest 14198					
Three Month Eurodollar		Previous day's total open interest 26343			
Dec 86	94.12	94.16	94.11	94.16	1858
Mar 87	94.10	94.16	94.10	94.16	691
Jun 87	93.93	93.99	93.93	93.99	99
Sep 87	93.64	93.68	93.64	93.69	32
US Treasury Bond		Previous day's total open interest 8264			
Dec 86	97-28	98-26	97-28	98-23	3518
Mar 87	97-20	97-20	97-20	97-28	5
Jun 87	N/T			96-31	0
Short Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 845			
Dec 86	96-45	96-45	96-34	96-34	40
Mar 87	N/T			96-36	0
Jun 87	N/T				0
Long Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 16646			
Dec 86	111-18	111-25	111-08	111-10	16545
Mar 87	111-15	111-25	111-15	111-14	36
Jun 87	N/T			111-14	0
Sep 87	N/T				0
FT-SE 100		Previous day's total open interest 2740			
Dec 86	165.60	166.40	165.00	165.55	596
Mar 87	168.30	168.30	168.30	168.55	2

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range November 3	Market rates close November 3	1 month	3 months
N York	1.4105-1.4155	1.4105-1.4115	0.58-0.55prem	1.76-1.71prem
Montreal	1.9620-1.9695	1.9620-1.9650	0.43-0.34prem	1.24-1.09prem
Ams'dam	3.2915-3.3175	3.2915-3.2960	1⅝-1⅜prem	4⅝-4⅜prem
Brussels	60.51-60.96	60.51-60.62	20-15prem	58-49prem
C'phgen	10.9640-11.0485	10.9640-10.9825	2⅛-1⅝prem	5⅛-4prem
Dublin	1.0645-1.0793	1.0672-1.0682	8-45dis	49-118dis
Frankfurt	2.9115-2.9340	2.9115-2.9150	1⅝-1⅜prem	4⅝-4⅜prem
Lisbon	213.40-214.75	213.40-214.25	53-114dis	184-342dis
Madrid	195.17-196.60	195.17-195.45	16-55dis	32-106
Milan	2009.25-2028.50	2009.25-2013.50	3-par prem	5-1prem
Oslo	10.6245-10.6700	10.6245-10.6395	2⅛-3⅜dis	9⅛-10⅜dis
Paris	9.5100-9.5850	9.5100-9.5265	2⅝-2⅜prem	7⅛-6⅝prem
St'khlm	9.9235-9.9850	9.9235-9.9375	2-1½prem	6⅛-5⅜prem
Tokyo	231.10-232.75	231.10-231.50	1⅝-1⅜prem	3⅝-3⅛prem
Vienna	20.50-20.65	20.51-20.54	10-8⅜prem	26⅜-23⅜prem
Zurich	2.4200-2.4450	2.4230-2.4270	1⅝-1⅜prem	4⅝-4⅜prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 68.7 (day's range 68.7-69.0).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.5912-1.5979
Australia dollar	2.2017-2.2057
Bahrain dinar	0.5315-0.5355
Brazil cruzado*	19.79-19.91
Cyprus pound	0.7300-0.7400
Finland marka	7.0660-7.1060
Greece drachma	197.10-199.10
Hong Kong dollar	11.0109-11.0195
India rupee	18.15-18.35
Iraq dinar	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4145-0.4185
Malaysia dollar	3.7004-3.7059
Mexico peso	1150.00-1200.00
New Zealand dollar	2.7883-2.7995
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.2885-5.3265
Singapore dollar	3.1031-3.1068
South Africa rand	3.2258-3.2430
U A E dirham	5.1765-5.2165

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.3125-1.3155
Singapore	2.1988-2.1998
Malaysia	2.6220-2.6240
Australia	0.6403-0.6410
Canada	1.3913-1.3918
Sweden	7.0500-7.0550
Norway	7.5325-7.5375
Denmark	7.7875-7.7925
West Germany	2.0715-2.0725
Switzerland	1.7248-1.7258
Netherlands	2.3400-2.3410
France	6.7525-6.7575
Japan	164.20-164.30
Italy	1430.5-1431.5
Belgium(Comm)	43.00-43.05
Hong Kong	7.8020-7.8025
Portugal	151.50-151.80
Spain	138.40-138.50
Austria	14.53-14.55

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COMMODITIES

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The prices in this section refer to Friday's trading

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

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1	Halma	Industrials E-K	
2	Sidlaw	Industrials S-Z	
3	Warrington (T)	Building,Roads	
4	Electrocomponents	Electricals	
5	Tarmac	Building,Roads	
6	Nurdin & Peacock	Foods	
7	Blue Arrow	Industrials A-D	
8	Hay (Norman)	Industrials E-K	
9	Peek	Industrials L-R	
10	Ferranti	Electricals	
11	Micro Focus	Electricals	
12	Bick	Electricals	
13	Bassett Foods	Foods	
14	Home Farm	Foods	
15	Manders	Building,Roads	
16	BOC	Industrials A-D	
17	Low & Bonar	Industrials L-R	
18	Bank Of Scotland	Banks,Discount	
19	Manchester Ship	Industrials L-R	
20	Pifco	Electricals	
21	Beecham	Industrials A-D	
22	Crown House	Industrials A-D	
23	Greene King	Breweries	
24	Hestair	Industrials E-K	
25	Securicor	Industrials S-Z	
26	Amec	Building,Roads	
27	Wintrust	Banks,Discount	
28	Transcontinental	Industrials S-Z	
29	Aurora	Industrials A-D	
30	Brooke Tool	Industrials A-D	
31	Avon Rubber	Industrials A-D	
32	Emss Lighting	Electricals	
33	Trafalgar House	Industrials S-Z	
34	Kwik Save	Foods	
35	Amersham	Chemicals	
36	Hawley	Industrials E-K	
37	Aberdeen Constr	Building,Roads	
38	Security Serv	Industrials S-Z	
39	Allied Colloids	Chemicals,Plas	
40	Metal Box	Industrials L-R	
41	Forminster	Drapery,Stores	
42	Arncliffe	Building,Roads	
43	Gieves	Industrials E-K	
44	Feb	Building,Roads	
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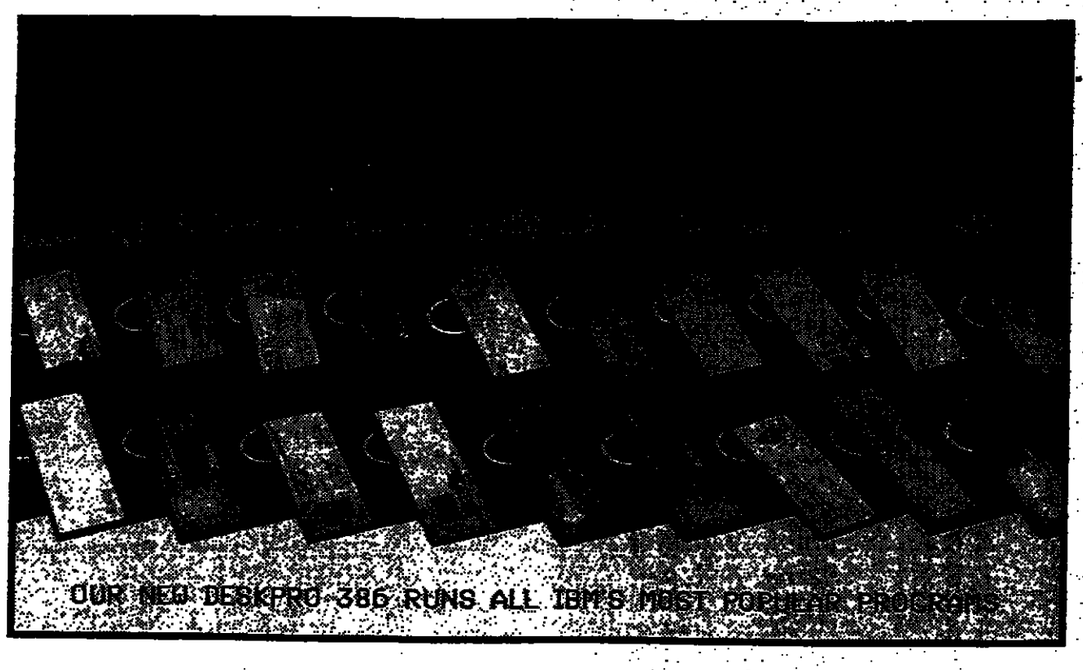

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(If you already know, please >GOTO the section headed 'pies and napkins.')

THE COMING OF THE STANDARD

Apple (let's give them their due) launched the first personal computer back in 1977.

It was four years before IBM responded with their honest, if rather bovine, PC.

Of course, the IBM machine would not run Apple programs, and vice versa.

War broke out, with the customer caught in the middle.

Soon, vast numbers of programs had been written for the IBM PC, covering everything from accountancy to zoo husbandry.

Other manufacturers, seeing which way the wind was blowing, rushed to bring out machines 'compatible' with IBM's. Computers that, in other words, could run IBM programs.

Thus, as with VHS in video, an 'industry standard' quickly became established.

Today, anything outside it is frankly out on a limb.

PIES AND NAPKINS

Unfortunately the 'compatibles', like the IBM computers they aped, were not (oh dear, how can we put this?) very remarkable machines.

They ruminated over programs like cows chewing cud.

Then one day in 1981, a group of computer experts met for lunch at a pie shop in Houston, Texas.

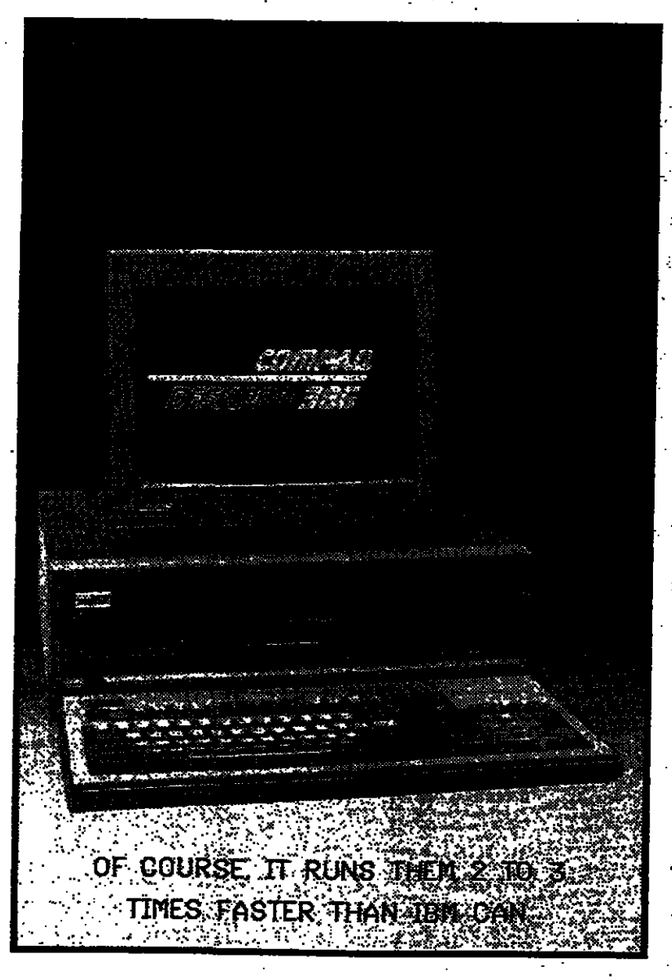
Over their coffee and pie, the talk turned to the excruciating dullness of personal computers.

What was needed, they agreed, was a 'compatible' computer that went far beyond what anyone had dreamed of offering.

Being engineers, and therefore uncouth, the tablecloth was soon covered in circuit diagrams.

Luckily, by the time the bill arrived, the design for a new computer was safely sketched on a place mat.

'It's a great idea,' said one of the assembled pundits, 'but who'll build it?' There was a short silence, and this COMPAQ Computer was born.



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COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

The trials and tribulations of embracing Big Bang

Off to a gilt-edged start: The new Charles Fulton (IDB) dealing room and twin Concurrent Computer Corporation 3230 installation takes on Big Bang

THE WEEK

By Geof Wheelwright

If the Stock Exchange is looking to the computer industry for sympathy over its technical problems on the SEAQ (Stock Exchange Automated Quotations) system and the Topic viewdata broadcast arrangement, it is unlikely to find much.

It is clear that the City had to implement the system far too quickly — without a specific idea what it wanted — and that it didn't have any realistic estimates about the kind of volume it would be required to take.

The problems with SEAQ and Topic come as little surprise to keen observers of the computer industry. What the City has seen over the past week are the trials and tribulations which nearly always plague the start up of any large-scale computer system — especially those designed in a hurry. The only difference for the City is that it's all being played out on a far greater scale and embarrisingly in the public gaze.

Like most of the other high-powered uses of computers over the last few decades — whether it's sending rockets into space or running airline ticketing systems — no amount of trials or simulations can replace the kind of information learned from actually running the system live.

Since there is only one London Stock Exchange in the world, there was no accurate model on which to base the system. "Rehearsals are rehearsals and they're staged" said Doug Gimmel, managing director of Information Technology which makes some of the fault-tolerant computer systems used by market makers. "All the users couldn't predict their own behavior until they got to work on the first morning of Big Bang".

A lot of the problems can also be blamed on the City having no yardstick by which to measure itself.

The fact, for example, that the six year old Topic viewdata system — which broadcasts the quotes offered by market makers through SEAQ — would not be able to handle more than 200 enquiries per second, might not have seemed immediately alarming to those who have never tried to access large-scale viewdata services such as Prestel on a regular basis.

Even on the latter's low-volume service, it can sometimes take two or three calls to make a connection — a factor which must surely be of some concern.

While it may not be too much of a problem when you have to wait a few minutes to look up train times on the British Rail section of Prestel, it's crucial when several hundred thousand pounds hang in the balance.

To be fair, however, the stock exchange has attempted to minimize the impact that the breakdowns had on competition in trading.

One unfair advantage would be gained by one market maker over another just by virtue of one being unable to get through to SEAQ and the other being successful. To prevent this, SEAQ closed down when Topic lines became overloaded last week.

Explaining the technical problems which caused this state of affairs is fairly easy. Imagine a company offering a "hotline" service about its products to prospective customers. The actual centre which answers the telephones and provides information to customers accomplishes much the same thing as SEAQ — and it will continue running independently of how many people actually get through to them.

The telephone exchange which routes the calls to the hotline performs the same duty as Topic, the ageing Viewdata system blamed for many of last week's problems.

But unless both work effectively together, the hotline service is useless. The City's hotline has thus undergone some dramatic tweaking and re-tweaking in the past week that should keep the systems online.

This has been accomplished by sometimes cutting off information from NASDAQ (the US automated trading system) and by looking at emergency measures to install greater computing capacity on the Topic portion of the system.

Britain's £40m bill for hi-tech fraud

CRIME

By Matthew May

Computer fraud is costing British businesses £40 million a year, according to insurance brokers Hogg Robinson which have just published the results of an audit into the security measures in use at 50 companies.

That figure covers only fraud known to the computer security industry. Undetected computer crimes and, probably a larger figure, crimes that are detected but covered up by the company concerned because of fear of that publicity could harm its business are an unknown quantity.

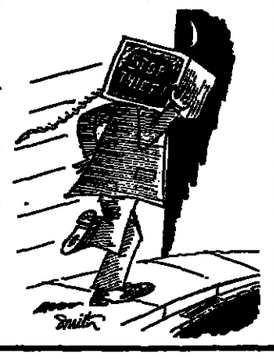
The most popular guess among the experts is that detected crime is only the tip of an iceberg and represents less than 10 per cent of the total figure for computer fraud.

And for today's computer criminal, the chances of punishment seem remote. Dr Frank Taylor, chairman of the security commitee for the British Computer Society, believes that in half the detected cases of computer fraud, the culprit is found, but that only 5 per cent end up with a conviction.

Computer crime is a world of logic bombs, computer viruses and worms — all techniques used in attempts to defraud or, as is often the case, disgruntled former employeess who just wish to cause the maximum damage.

Virtually all cases of computer fraud are considered to require the assistance of someone inside the organization — either a present or ex-employee. The popular image of teenage computer hackers breaking into a company's computers from the outside is seen as a myth.

The survey singles out the careless use of passwords for particular criticism, describing it as one of the main causes of industrial computer fraud. Easily remembered passwords were frequently used making it equally simple for unauthorized users to guess them.



The most popular passwords in Britain are pass and Fred while the Americans focused on love and sex to gain entry to their computer systems. Hackers guessing at such simple passwords can expect a success rate of 20 per cent.

More sophisticated hackers however, says the report, now use computers programmed to try out all the possible combinations of passwords automatically, at up to 200 calls a minute. Few installations with dial up facilities were found to have protection against this sort of attack.

Three out of the 50 companies looked at, reported interference with their computers from outside hackers, while a further five believed there was unauthorized use from within the building.

Personal use of systems by computer staff ranged from writing a thesis, recording Stock Exchange movements for personal investment to pirating software for sale.

No flinching over Amstrad price hike

PRICING

By Matthew May

Amstrad is to raise the price of its IBM compatible computer, the PC 1512, by 12.5 per cent. The increase, which adds £50 to the price of the basic model will take it up to £516, and will come into effect on January 1.

Launched only two months ago, it comes before the computers have arrived in any quantity with Amstrad putting the rise down to huge demand and the strength of the Japanese yen — the machines being largely manufactured in the Far East.

At the moment Amstrad can certainly sell more than they can manufacture with long waiting lists at most suppliers and the hard disc versions very few and far between.

With demand clearly exceeding supply, Amstrad says 300,000 orders for the range have been received so far, the price rise is unlikely to deter many buyers.

It also has the useful effect of increasing the gap between the IBM compatible and Amstrad's word processing orientated PCW series which, with the same price of £459 for a basic model though including a printer, is thought to have lost sales to the PC 1512.

Elsewhere Amstrad is busy denying rumours that the machines can overheat when certain add-on cards are plugged in.

Unlike many PC's there is no fan to provide cooling to the system unit and though the Amstrad's power suppply is in the monitor not the system, unit add-on cards which take a lot of power tend to warm up. Amstrad chairman Alan Sugar puts the rumours down to a smear campaign by competitors.

IBM, for example, has confirmed it is investigating reports in a trade magazine that some of its sales staff were telling computer dealers the Amstrad machine had overheating problems.

So far there are relatively few machines delivered and no-one has been able to produce any examples of a melted Amstrad. And, computer magazine reviewers doing long term tests on the PC1512 have yet to report any serious problems.

The speedy Pick up that cuts down cost and time

Chairman UK Pick Forum: Peter Westwood

SOFTWARE

By Frank Brown

After years of low-profile existence, Pick operating system software is being promoted in Britain by a newly-formed trade association called the Pick Forum.

The new organization has been set up by 18 companies — hardware manufacturers and systems and software firms — to try and create a greater awareness of this business-orientated software.

In addition the group intends to keep a watching brief on Pick developments and standards to ensure that the system's portability — which allows application programs developed on one Pick-based computer to be run on any other regardless of make or type — is maintained.

Another aim is to counter the extensive promotion of Unix as the operating system for business use, in recent years. "Unix was designed primarily for engineering and scientific use," says the Forum's chairman, Peter Westwood, "whereas Pick was conceived specifically for business processing applications."

Its proponents claim that its ease of use speeds application program development and modification to such an extent that development costs and timescales are greatly reduced. "It soon clears the logjams of application development projects associated with other multi-user systems," one said.

Currently there are 40,000 Pick installations worldwide, less than 4,000 of which are in Britain.

Major UK users of Pick-based systems include Government departments, the National Health Service, local authorities, and companies such as Courtalds and the Sears Group.

According to one recent survey, the Pick market has grown more than 40 per cent over the past five years, and will increase by more than 25 per cent per annum in future.

At present, there are some 25 computer manufacturers, and 150 systems and software companies selling Pick-based products in the UK, including some 2,000 applications packages.

The forum has already received the backing of the software's American developer, Dick Pick, who has agreed to be its honorary president. It has also received the blessing of the Spectrum Manufacturers' Association, the US organization representing the major manufacturers of Pick-based computers.

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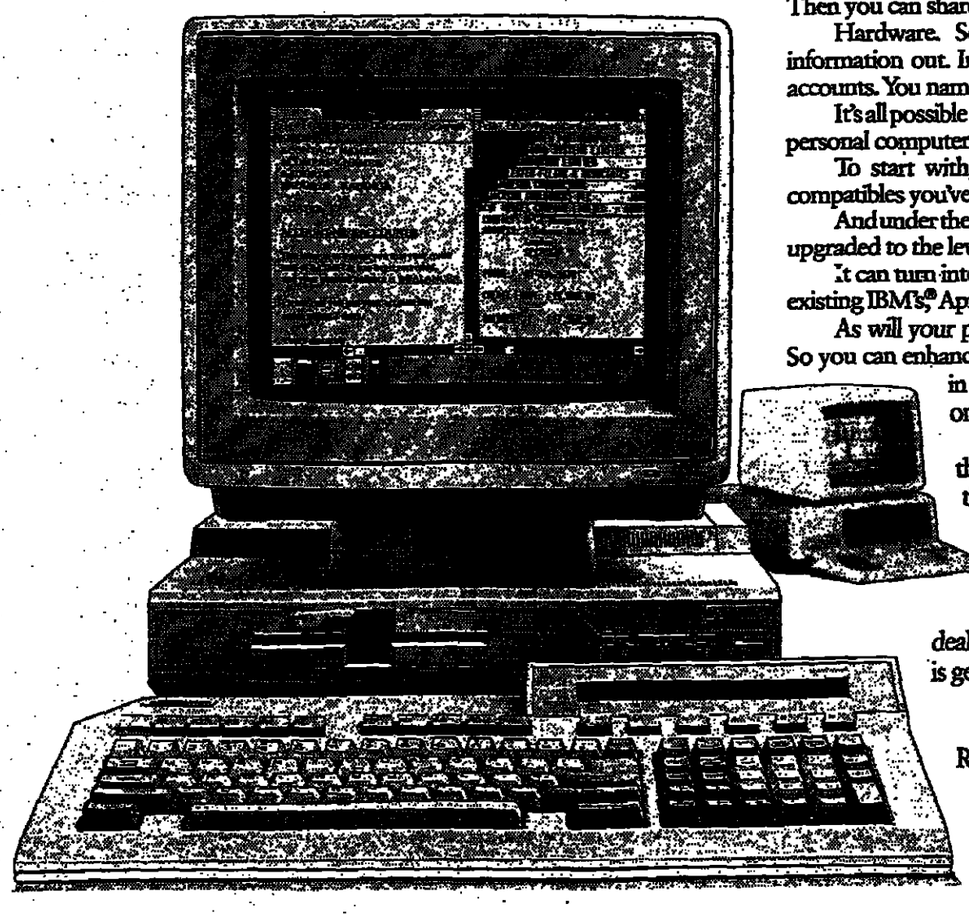

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/2

Brave man who went multinational on Day 1

PEOPLE

By Ann Kent

The best way to ruin your bank manager's day — as Nick Ogden discovered — is to tell him you are throwing up a fat salary and company directorship to launch your own high-technology company.

Add to that the situation that the product is a commercial computer database, and that you plan to go multinational from day one, and see if he smiles.

It takes only a moment's reflection to see the drawbacks of starting a new database.

No one will pay to go on until they are sure people are using it — no one will use it until there is lots of information on it.

In the event, Mr Ogden's bank manager went a couple of shades paler, but he provided a £10,000 overdraft just the same.

Since he formed Companyline in October 1985, Mr Ogden and his staff have worked from an extra room built on to his bungalow in Northampton, with a central processor, photocopier, and laser printer neatly stored in what was the cloakroom.

He has franchises in Hong Kong, Switzerland, and the United Arab Emirates and offices are planned for the Far East, Europe, the Philippines, South America, and Australia.

Mr Ogden registered the name Companyline in 1981 after noticing that though there were specialized commercial data bases there seemed to be no general one.

A customer looking for a supply source tended to rely on existing sources or the Yellow Pages because there was no centralized source of information.

He worked on the idea during holidays and in the evenings, but thought it was likely that he would be pipped at the post.

After a brief period as a sales director, the urge to own his own company overwhelmed him, and he formed Motivative Marketing. Companyline was meant to be one of its activities, but Mr Ogden soon realized that if he was able to run the database seriously, there was no hope of doing anything else.

He abandoned his plans to trade up from his four-bedroom detached house to a more upmarket residence built to his own design. Instead, he traded down to a bungalow half the size of his previous home, and used the £15,000 equity he released as starting up capital.

He also found the £7,500 overdraft facility of his American Express Golden Card did very nicely — the interest rates were lower than a bank overdraft. Naturally, this irritated his bank manager.

In August 1985, his wife, Veronica, went back to her job as a legal executive while Mr Ogden spent a couple of months building the extension which was to house his staff, cared for their eight-month-old son, and started his company.

He coped with the chicken-and-egg dilemma by investing in what he describes as "one of the best hard-copy databases around." It consisted of yellow pages from all over Britain, catalogues, and text books. The service was and is free to the UK inquirer, but at that stage it was also free to the suppliers.

He said: "We had to educate the public to realize there was a need for our product."

Once the suppliers were found, he rang the inquirer with a list of names. He then phoned the suppliers and told them about the sales lead, so that in theory the inquirer did not have to do anything else.

The response was extremely mixed. He said: "Some companies wait for the business to come to them but luckily there were enough of the other kind, who saw the advantage of going on to our database.

"We charged much too little at first — £98 for UK subscribers and £148 for companies abroad. Our clients were telling us it was too cheap. Putting the rates up to £248 for UK clients and £448 for overseas clients did wonders for our sales. People seemed to take us more seriously."

By the end of next year he expects the capacity of the central processor he eventually bought, to have grown to 14 terminals instead of the existing four.

At present he is paying a heavy personal cost, working a 90-hour week and often getting up at 4 am to deal with telexes from the Far East. "I have to lie to my wife and tell her it is 6 o'clock," he said.

Naturally the bank has taken a great deal of security, including the bungalow.

"You have to put everything on the line when you decide to start a business," Mr Ogden said. "But cash flow has not been a real problem and we will have a profit in our first year."

The golden days of low overheads are about to come to an end. He needs to employ 12 people by January and 40 by the end of 1987 and is currently in a contract race to buy a 12,000 square feet office block in Northampton.

He admits to surprise at his lack of rivals. He said: "If anyone tries to start something similar, they will have a hell of a job catching up."

Nick Ogden: Any rivals will have a big job catching up with me

Olivetti in big PCs deal

By Calvin Simms

Seeking to strengthen its weak computer division the American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T) is to give Olivetti, the Italian office equipment maker, full responsibility for developing and manufacturing its line of IBM-compatible personal computers.

Olivetti has been producing AT&T's PC 6300 computer for the last two years as part of an alliance between the two companies to develop and market new technology. Although AT&T's performance in the computer business has been poor sales of the PC 6300, which is compatible with IBM's PC-XT model, have been strong, according to computer analysts.

Analysts said both companies would benefit from the move. AT&T would have a stronger presence in computer markets overseas while Olivetti would receive financial support and become an important participant in the American market.

In 1984, Olivetti and AT&T agreed to develop new technology, including small computers and other advanced office communication equipment. At the time, AT&T bought a 23.5 per cent stake in Olivetti with an option to increase its share to 40 per cent within four years.

The chairman keeps his job

Under a revised agreement announced last week AT&T agreed not to exercise its option until 1990. The new agreement also provides that Olivetti's chairman, Carlo de Benedetti, can remain in that position for 10 years.

In addition, the two companies agreed to extend their research alliance until 1996.

"The move implies that they will now focus on IBM clones or products that require telecommunications expertise," said Glenn Pafumi, an analyst who follows AT&T for Dean Witter Reynolds Inc.

Olivetti has an established record of developing and marketing computer products in Europe, but AT&T has had difficulty penetrating computer markets in the United States. Analysts attribute its weak performance to a lack of management experience in the computer marketplace.

Since the divestiture of its regional telephone companies three years ago, AT&T has introduced a number of computer products, including the PC 6300, the Unix PC and the 3B minicomputers.

New York Times

The clever-tricks brigade goes commercial

AI SYSTEMS

By Chris Naylor

Artificial intelligence (AI) has always been the department of clever tricks within the computer industry. Maybe, as yet, those working in the field have had scant success in creating Frankensteinian monsters but they've still thought up some clever ideas.

Expert systems which can to some degree replace or even outperform human experts; natural language systems which cam speak or partially understand what's being said to them; computer vision systems which can see and programmes which can reason, learn and plan.

There's no doubt that it's the glamorous end of the computer business. And there's also no doubt that many of the firms working in this area report that one of their biggest problems is in recruiting computer staff who are skilled in artificial techniques.

But there may be a snag — that there's an increasing need for AI products which are not too clever. Because sheer cleverness can be commercial bad news.

The problem is that it's possible to think of the computer world as two distinct streams — the clever AI world, and the dumb commercial world — and these two streams have traditionally remained separate.

Whilet the AI people have occupied their minds with complex problems requiring clever solutions, the commercial world has been steadily grinding away at such mundane chores as file handling.

After all, while the commercial sector might accept that AI is clever, it can rightly point out that sheer cleverness does not provide bread and butter.

Yet times are changing and this is due to the perceived need in the AI community to sell their bright ideas.

Some years ago it was quite common to find an AI product launched on the market which was really quite bright — an expert system shell, for instance, which could be tailored by the user to display expertise in a wide variety of fields. Or a machine learning programme which could discover previously unknown rules from sample data.

The only snag was that few of these products really sold in any numbers.

Computer users just carried on with their normal file handling, databases, word processing and spreadsheets and did not embrace AI with the fervour that had been hoped. Yet, if these products were so clever, why didn't normal people want them?

The answer may be that cleverness isn't everything and, in business, it definitely comes second to utility. For most of these products required the user to set them up as stand alone systems, holding data in a format peculiar to that product.

As if the user was going to turn to them and use them in glorious isolation from every other computer-related activity that they'd carried out in the past.

But things are changing now with the better AI products being modified to take account of the way things happen in the commercial world.

Instead of expert systems being designed so that they can only understand data presented to them in their own AI-inspired format, these can now read and understand data held in the format of standard spreadsheets and databases.

Instead of the exotic AI-inspired programming languages pretending that everything a user might conceivably want to do could be done in that language, these now contain links to enable the programmer to move to a conventional language when some aspect of the problem requires a conventional solution.

In short, much of the AI world has realized that a great deal of computer life is conventional and, without throwing away their cleverness, they've compounded it by accepting the conventional with the clever.

But, in order to do this, you have to understand just what is conventional and how it works. And that is where many a good programmer can score. For you can't produce an interface to a conventional database package for your AI product unless you understand how conventional databases are organized.

Nor can you include the ability to call other language routines if the only languages you've ever used are the exotica of AI.

And, on a less technical but more fundamental level, you are not going to be able to sell vast quantities of your brilliant AI product unless it addresses a genuine need — a need which you may only know about if you have some knowledge of the commercial sector.

Obviously, any firm working in the AI field is likely to expect its staff to have a reasonable working knowledge of AI techniques and that knowledge can take some time and effort to acquire. But, when it comes to AI, the activities can be sufficiently exciting to make the learning relatively painless.

In contrast, acquiring run-of-the-mill knowledge of conventional techniques and practices in a world moving towards AI might well seem a tedious way to spend your time.

So it could well be that the most useful people to have working in the AI field are those who already have a solid grounding in conventional work. They are then mentally free to get caught up in the enthusiasm of the new techniques without carrying the risk that they might be ignorant of the old ones.

UK Computer Press Awards

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The results of the 1986 UK Computer Press Awards, sponsored jointly by *The Times* and Hewlett-Packard, will be announced on November 26. An awards ceremony will be held at Claridges hotel in London hosted by the television and radio personality William Rushton.

Prizes, worth more than £10,000, include silver trophies, an HP Vectra desktop computer and Thinkjet printer, three portable computers and printers, £1,000 worth of photographic equipment and three crates of champagne.

The winners will be selected by a panel of judges, including Bill Ellis, president of the Computing Services Association, Derek Harding, former secretary-general of the British Computer Society, Eamonn McCabe, news photographer of the year, Jane Bird, editor of *The Sunday Times* Innovation Page, and Alan Furniss, marketing manager of Hewlett-Packard.

Events

Appleworld, Business Design Centre, Upper St, London N1, Wednesday until Saturday (01-831 6282)

Compec, Olympia, London, November 11-14 (01-621 5555)

Micros in Design, Design Centre, Haymarket, London SW1, November 12-December 19 (01-839 8000)

Computers in the City, Barbican, London, November 18-20

Cadcam on Micros, Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Birdcage Walk, London SW1H 9JJ, November 18, Seminar and demonstrations — £40 (01-222 7899)

British Telecom Network Strategy Conference, Sedgewick Centre, London E1, November 18-19 (01-608 1161)

People and Technology, Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster, London, November 25-27 (01-727 1929)

CIMAP — Factory automation, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, December 1-5 (01-891 3426)

Interactive Video, Metropole Hotel, Brighton, December 9-11 (01-847 1847)

High Technology in Education, Barbican, London, January 21-24 (01-608 1161)

Videotex User Show, Barbican, London, January 28-30 (01-608 1161)

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Optical links can expect new savings

By Frank Brown

The world's first all-optical light regenerator for use in optical communications has been demonstrated by British Telecom Research Laboratories at Martlesham Heath, Suffolk.

The experimental device amplifies and re-times light pulses directly, thereby avoiding the need to convert them from light to electricity and back, as occurs in conventional repeaters.

Optical regenerators promise considerable savings in the cost of optical communications links, particularly undersea links. They should be significantly cheaper and simpler to make, and will require less power.

Present day long-distance optical links, the main telecommunications "highways" between centres of population, have regenerators installed every 30 kilometres (18 miles) to restore the intensity of the laser light pulses — the voice, data and video signals — travelling along the hair thin fibres of glass.

In the undersea fibre optic systems which will soon span the world's oceans, regenerators are placed every 50 kilometres.

The all-optical regenerator was developed by two British Telecom engineers, Rod Webb and John Devlin, and differs from previously demonstrated optical amplifiers in two key respects.

Its output is relatively constant over a range of input signal levels, and the signals themselves are timed by an optical clock.

The two inventors have operated the device at 140 million pulses a second, the operating rate of most present day fibre optic links. They are now concentrating on improving its performance to achieve higher rates, and therefore greater traffic handling capacity.

Ultimately, the device will be produced commercially by BT & D Technologies, the opto-electronics company jointly owned by British Telecom and Du Pont.

BT's announcement of an all-optical regenerator coincides with the opening of the world's first international optical fibre undersea cable. Called UK-Belgium 5, it runs between the two countries and was formally opened with a video conference between London and Ostend.

The new cable increases the number of telephone circuits between the UK and Belgium by 50 per cent to over 33,000. It was laid by British Telecom International and cost more than £10 million.

50 per cent more circuits between UK and Belgium

A winning flight with Concorde

The five weekly winners of The Times/DEC Schneider competition, who first met at the June Schneider Trophy race on the Isle of Wight, sponsored by Digital Equipment, met again at the weekend. They received their prizes at London Airport — seats on a Concorde champagne flight above the Bay of Biscay.

The mark of November at Heathrow vanished below as the winners and their partners were whisked into the unbroken sunshine 55,000 feet high, where they enjoyed a caviar and salmon lunch and visited the flight deck.

The overall winner, Mrs Jennifer McParland, and her husband, of Leicester, will shortly fly to New York on Concorde.

In the picture (left to right) are: Mr and Mrs Peter Matthews; Mr and Mrs Alastair Macmillan; Sandra Coventry; Claire Robertson; and (far right) Malcolm Cutting.

A commanding voice to tackle the task

■ The argument that speaking to a computer will soon replace the use of a keyboard has many critics. For many tasks, they argue, a keyboard will be quicker and voice recognition, still a fairly clumsy technology, will be limited to specialist use for many years.

Marconi disagrees and is claiming to have made a significant advance in speech recognition with the announcement of £5,000 unit that has a vocabulary of up to 800 words.

Unlike most existing systems the user only has to speak the words for the inital vocabulary into the system once and any number of voices can be stored each on a separate disc.

Further information from 01 954 2311

Soft money option

■ Those who believe there are still fortunes to be made by writing a winning piece of software could do worse than read *The Software Business*, described as a guide on how to create, publish and sell computer software.

Written by Meyer Solomon, the founding editor of *Personal Computer World*, the book ranges from picking the right idea to the sort of contract a software author should expect from a publisher.

It is published by BBC Books at £5.50

BT business offer

■ British Telecom has launched a service for managing the corporate communications networks of companies and organizations that have multiple locations.

BT's Communications Facilities Management (CFM) division offers to design, install, commission, operate and manage private networks. The division has won its first contract — managing the corporate data network of British Aerospace.

Ron Back, BT's managing director for business services said many businesses were finding that setting up and managing their communications facilities was a demanding overhead which was detracting them from their main business.

COMPUTER BRIEFING

'Albert here has agreed to test it for us'

Apple resurgence show

■ Apple held an exhibition last week in the newly opened Business Design Centre in Islington to display the wares of firms that made products for its machines.

So far the company has had something of a resurgence as the facilities of the Macintosh have become more useful to a wider audience, especially in the growth field of desktop publishing.

It has little time for complacancy, however, as several desktop-publishing programs are swiftly becoming available for the IBM-PC and other machines.

Apple's new GS was on display. Though the graphics capability is very impressive for a machine costing around £1,000, it suffers from the same problem as the Amiga in finding a large enough market for people wanting souped-up graphics, being too expensive to stimulate much demand as a home computer.

The two Rs by video

■ IBM has announced in the US a computer-based system for teaching illiterate adults and adolescents to read and write.

The system, called Pals, for Principle of the Alphabet Literacy System, includes computers, keyboards, touch-screen video monitors, interactive laser discs, and digitized voices and sounds.

Pals has been developed by Dr John Henry Martin, in conjunction with IBM Educational Systems of Atlanta. Each $72,000 (about £50,000) Pals system can accommodate 500 adults a year.

In test programs in Washington, high-school students were able to improve their reading skills by an average of almost three grade levels after 20 weeks of self-paced instruction, said Dr Martin.

The first Pals system in New York City was installed last Tuesday at Jefferson High School in Brooklyn

Adults-only game

■ For the first time, a computer game has been censored and all copies sold will have to display a "15" certificate warning that it is unsuitable for children.

Dracula, from software publishers CRL was issued last week with a certificate after being watched by the British Board of Film Classification.

CRL's managing director, Clement Chambers, asked for the censorship ruling, believing it may be unsuitable for children.

Though both a graphics and text adventure, it was primarily the language of the text which caused the board to make this unprecedented move, said Mr Chambers.

"The implication is that from now on every computer game will have to be vetted and awarded the suitable certificate," he said.

Beware of making false economies

VIEWPOINT

By Anthony Lambie

To those outside, it would appear that the computer industry is peopled by yuppies. This impression is particularly strong among new graduates in "soft" subjects like history and sociology.

They look with envy on contemporaries in computer science who are snapped up by employers, often at five-figure starting salaries.

While the hard-up historian is still on the remorseless round of job-hunting, the computer man is already plotting his next move for the faster buck.

But these are general misconceptions held by many, and are far from reality. The cold fact is that, although the industry is young, most computer professionals don't have clearly defined career paths.

People do still see themselves staying in computing until retirement — but their loyalty is to their craft. Not to a particular organization.

As the craft changes and develops so new specializations come to the fore. Professionals don't want to be left behind in a technical backwater. They are keen to acquire the latest skills and to get to grips with new technologies.

Unfortunately, in the current climate, the most effective way of keeping up with these advances is to change jobs. Although this may cause some degree of disruption, in the form of house moves, it certainly does not act as a deterrent.

Broadening experience has always been a key factor in changing jobs. Programmers aim to move on to analysis, for example, and so on up the ladder. Surprisingly perhaps, increased salaries come only as a secondary objective.

What is most disturbing is the fact that employers' inability to train to retrain has been evident for many years. But they have not yet learned the lesson.

Generally, people don't move simply because they are dissatisfied with their current jobs. The missing element is the opportunity to keep abreast, or ideally ahead, of the game.

On the whole, more money and attention is paid to personnel recruitment than to staff development.

Having made what amounts to a considerable invesument in time and money in selecting the right staff, organizations seem reluctant to spend that bit more to retain them. Surely this is a false economy.

To make matters worse, in the face of national staff shortages, many employers continue to attempt to find new recruits who possess the very latest skills — when those in place would welcome the opportunity to advance by acquiring these skills.

The key to retaining staff, in what promises still to be a very competitive job market, lies in training. Yet the evidence is that, in what is probably our fastest developing technology, the amount of training being undertaken is grossly inadequate.

Trends at the moment indicate that the greatest demand for training is in fourth generation languages, followed by database systems and experience of CICS — IBM's online product.

But these cannot be regarded as the only subjects of interest.

Areas like communications — in particular networking — expert systems and fault tolerance are assuming greater importance.

Data processing managers, as well as keeping their eyes on the going rates in salaries and benefits, have to stay in touch with industry trends and the aspirations of their staff.

But, on a five-year horizon, it would appear that computer professionals' own plans are very much under-defined.

Whatever they do — broadening their experience is their paramount aim, and if they do not learn new skills with their present employer, they will change jobs to do so.

Anthony Lambie is group marketing director of the Computer People Group.

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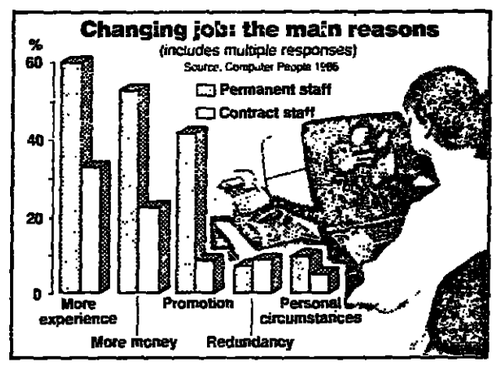

Econocom pioneers new type of firm

LEASING

By Frank Brown

In ten years time, virtually all computer hardware and software packages will be sold through distributors. So predicts Jean-Louis Bouchard, chairman of the Econocom Group, who has pioneered a new type of company, the computer distribution financing and services house.

An international group whose revenues have grown from $50 million to $500 million in the last two years, Econocom is a computer leasing company which has broadened its activities into distribution and other services.

It now employs a thousand people, has offices in 60 cities in the US, Canada, and 11 European countries, including the UK, and has recently formed a subsidiary in Japan.

Mr Bouchard attributes the growth of his companies to diversifying the group's activities into related computer services. "Leasing is not enough, the customer wants full service" he says.

An ex-IBM man, Jean-Louis Bouchard entered the computer leasing business in 1974, when he formed the French company ECS to deal in IBM computers and peripherals. In 1981, he launched ECS International which brought together similar companies operating in other European countries.

Two years later, he sold a majority shareholding in ECS France to the French bank Société Générale which later acquired the remainder of the ECS France share capital.

Econocom has now set up a product evaluation centre in Brussels which selects computer products from around the world and tests them. If they are found to be superior, says the company, it will market them worldwide.

So far it distributes a variety of personal computers, medium size computers, peripherals and software packages.

Currently the split in business is around 70 per cent leasing and 30 per cent services in most of the countries in which the Group operates.

"The market is so big that the problem is growth," says Mr Bouchard. Problems associated with rapid growth have afflicted the group's UK company which, in addition to IBM equipment, supplies products from other manufacturers, including ICL, Data General and Hewlett-Packard.

Based at Richmond, Surrey, it has over 400 customers and a turnover of £25 million. Its equity capital was only £250,000 however. This has recently been increased to around £2 million. In addition, Bertrand Bouchard, Jean Louis's brother, and former Peat Marwick consultant, has been appointed managing director to reorganize it.

The extra capital will be used to expand services through acquisition of software assets, companies and people, Bouchard says.

Earlier this month share participations in the various Econocom companies were consolidated into a holding company, Econocom International BV, based in Amsterdam, with an initial equity of $75 million.

Shareholders include the French Total group, Compagnie Financiere (Edmond de Rothschild), and Banque ParisBas. Econocom's management expect to increase the equity of the holding company to $100 million by the end of the year.

SOME OUTSTANDING JOBS IN DP

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Experience: 4 years experience gained on the ICL 2900 range from a commercial background. A good knowledge of structured analysis and design with an understanding of IDMS and TPMS preferably from within a Decklerald environment. Training will be given where necessary in Decklerald or Delta.

General: This position would suit candidates wishing to move into consultancy and expand their user/client liaison skills, duties include work at client sites and in-house. The variety of hardware employed and the scope of applications can lead to fast promotion and high salaries.

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Experience: From a minimum of 2 years to several years for the senior vacancy, gained in a COBOL/CICS or DL/1 IBM environment. Where applicable structured Systems Analysis is required. Experience of any 4GL (TOTAL, FOCUS, ADABAS, NATURAL, NOMAD, RAMIS, SAS, ADR, DB2, ORACLE, INGRESS, ETC.) will be a distinctive advantage. Candidates with other skills should also apply as training is given.

General: The corporation offers excellent on and off the job training plus a substantial benefits scheme including non contributory pension scheme, season ticket loan, LVs, travel subsidy, PPP and mortgage subsidy.

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Position: Business Analysts are required to work alongside technicians to design, produce and test a range of financial applications using 4th generation methodology and across technical staff on the requirements of users within the bank. The work will be largely development for which structured analysis techniques will be employed.

Experience: Ideally a good banking background, although applicants with good systems analysis skills with organisation and methods are asked to apply. Business awareness is more important for these positions than technical knowledge, though the ability to liaise with technicians is essential.

General: The bank offers rapid promotion as the reward for the professionalism and integrity it seeks. In addition to an attractive salary, benefits include mortgage subsidy, loans etc.

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General: These positions will be of particular interest to applicants whose experience is limited to Sperry. This company offers the opportunity of retraining to IBM mainframe utilising state of the arts software

REF TF 2420

ANALYST-PROGRAMMERS/ COMPUTER AUDITOR — **CITY** — **TO £18,000 + BANKING BENEFITS**

Company: One of the world's leading banks with extensive involvement in all aspects of international and merchant banking. The large DP department consists of a variety of hardware IBM TANDEM, ICL, etc.

Position: Two Computer Auditors encouraged to participate in the control areas of computer systems development life cycle, general audit projects within the bank. The work will involve producing detailed specifications, developing and implementing programs and liaising between DP and audit teams. It will be necessary to provide advice and support to the audit division with regard to hardware and software facilities.

Experience: A sound knowledge of a cross-section of data processing techniques -programming, particulary COBOL or PL-1 and systems analysis being of special interest. Experience of computer audit will be an advantage, however candidates with other relevant skills are asked to apply.

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/4

The fat salaries awaiting the new computer engineers

Despite the current financial fever fuelled by Big Bang, the laments about foreign imports and fears about the demise of Britain's manufacturing base — we are still an industrial nation at heart.

While it may have escaped the notice of many people in conventional areas of the computer industry, hundreds of companies are going all-out to apply computer technology to manufacturing processes to boost industrial productivity.

Here it is the engineers, not the computer departments, who are calling the industrial revolution tune, often without consulting their data processing colleagues.

JOBSCENE

By Eddie Coulter

As a result, data processing department salaries which are very sluggish in the engineering sector in comparison to, say, finance, have not been reflecting what is really happening in manufacturing.

The people who take the lead in such skills will be in great demand. That means well paid. Already, according to a recent survey by international high-tech recruitment consultants Kramer Westfield, salaries for people involved in CAD/CAM are outpacing other sectors like communications.

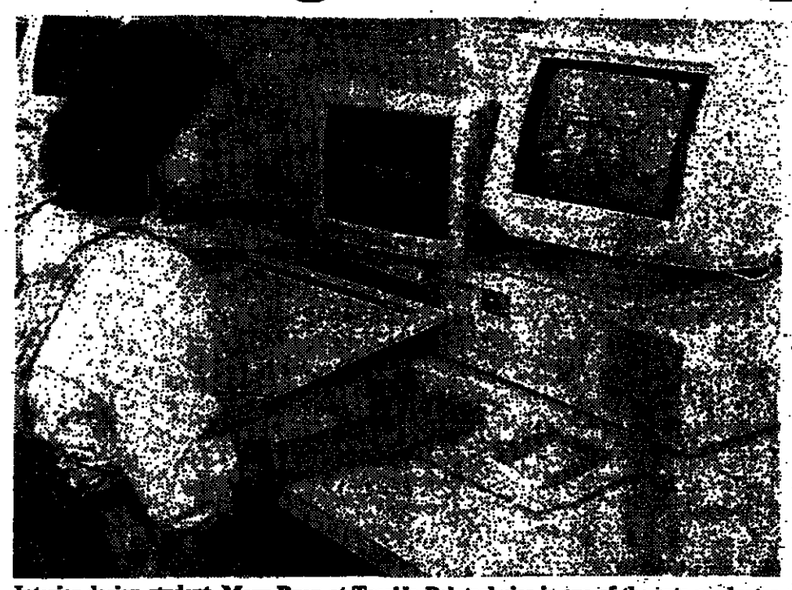
In electronics, where Britain is strong on the development of CAD systems for integrated circuits, senior CAD software writers are already earning £30,000 or more a year.

The computerization approach in industry starts with computer-aided design (CAD) and computer-aided manufacturing (CAM), leading to advanced manufacturing technology (AMT), robotics and eventually complete integration of all computer systems involved in the business processes of manufacturing.

This latter stage, which companies are moving towards, is known as CIM (Computer Integrated Manufacturing). One of the keys of CIM will be the ability to respond quickly to requirements to mass produce smaller quantities of variable products designed to customer needs.

Without doubt CIM does, and increasingly will, demand knowledgable people with both engineering and computer experience. As the final advance stages of CIM come together, it will mean integration of conventional commercial data processing activities with design, manufacturing, marketing, stock control, finance and production.

Expenditure on applications of CIM — from mainframes to robots — are forecast to reach some £8,000 million in Europe this year. By 1990 that figure will be more than £20,000 million.



Interior design student Mary Ryan at Teeside Polytechnics is one of the arts graduates getting to grips with the Tandon PCA 40 IBM-PC-compatible microcomputers in the CAD/CAM laboratories

Management services strategists will be essential to plot firms' overall requirements. Data communications specialists will have to match company commercial networking needs with factory floor communications using an open system inter-connection approach and MAP (Manufacturing Automation Protocol).

MAP is the General Motors proposed standard to link different suppliers' factory systems to each other.

Database skills will also be needed as central corporate databases will interact with design application, engineering, manufacturing and commercial databases.

"At the moment there are only a handful of top people who can thoroughly understand the micro-electronics design methodology," says John Wright, manager of CADCAM recruitment at Kramer Westfield.

"Mostly they are electronics engineers, probably with two degrees, five years or more in design engineering and another five years in a large company using state of the art computer languages such as C or Pascal, and defining software tools. Directorships and £60,000 salaries are being offered to such people."

The leading US-dominated sellers of CADCAM systems have recruited many an engineer into sales and sales support roles in the UK, with salaries up to £40,000. Now they are looking for wider areas of expertize from both the engineering and computer sectors.

While much of the original development work on CAE (Computer Aided Engineering) systems has been carried out in the US, recognition of Britain's strengths and ability to understand technology, is encouraging firms to extend development work to the UK.

Computer Vision, one major US seller, has for example based its worldwide CAD software applications development centre in England. The company's Medusa system was developed here.

With CADCAM and CAE systems, much of the decision-making appears to be in the hands of engineers. Certainly it is they who specify the software applications, although data processing managers are increasingly becoming involved in hardware selection.

The different departments in manufacturing companies must learn to understand each other more, says McDonnell Douglas Information Systems, the company who, according to the US Anderson Report on CADCAM and CIM, will be the leader in the CIM area, integrating systems on IBM, DEC and Data General computers.

Managers must learn technology

"Until now, computer people have been separate from engineering and design people," says David Hughes, UK head of manufacturing, engineering and architectural systems for McDonnell Douglas. "They don't understand each other, but the need for integration is pulling them together.

"CIM will require people with good inter-personal and communications skills, depth engineering industry knowledge, and computing awareness. However, the fundamental issue," says David Hughes, "is in top industry management. They have to educate themselves and their management in CIM technology."

CIM will involve every aspect of manufacturing industry, but importantly, it seems, that the new breed of manufacturing technology specialist will require both engineering and computer training.

This fact is already being recognized by the educational establishments. Cranfield Institute of Technology, for example, runs a wide range of courses from introductory courses for designers and engineers to intensive courses for managers and planners.

Many polytechnics from London to Coventry and Paisley in Scotland are running course on CADMAN, CIM and robotics, while a number of universities such as Warwick and Brunel are gaining a reputation for turning out engineers with a thorough undestanding of manufacturing technology.

US calls for strong corrective action

From Clyde Farnsworth in Washington

The early experience under the three month old agreement between the US and Japan to protect American semiconductor manufacturers has been one of "outright violations" by Japanese companies, the Semiconductor Industry Association said last week.

It says that if corrective action was not taken by November 15, the trade group would recommend "additional action" by the US government. A spokesman for the association said this would include the imposition of punitive duties against specific Japanese chip suppliers to the US.

The industry's political clout and position as the leading edge of American high technology give the warning a special impact. It was the association's petition in 1985 that spurred the negotiations that led to the agreement.

The thrust of the industry association's complaint was that the Japanese companies

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were selling in markets outside the United States at below agreed pricing levels.

A spokesman for the association said these sales were taking place in Europe and the rest of the world. "It appears that the Japanese do not regard themselves bound by the agreement" he said.

The accord has already come under attack from the EEC and from certain chip users, including computer and electronics companies, in the US.

Initially, fair market values were set so high that the American Electronics Association, representing one of the principal groups of users, complained to American trade officials.

In addition, the EEC said last month that it had requested consultations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to protest about the accord.

The Europeans said they feared that the arrangement would arbitrarily raise chip prices and give American companies privileged access to the Japanese market.

Desktop smile that reaches for miles

Datapoint has announced a video conferencing computer — a pioneering effort made in the hope that it will lead many companies towards the integration of voice, data and video communication via a machine on the desktop.

It is essentially a desktop computer based around the same 80286 microprocessor as used in IBM's AT personal computer, with the addition of a built-in video camera, small video monitor, and specialist networking hardware and software that allows it to "broadcast" pictures, sound and information.

Using this system, you should be able to conduct a face to face meeting with someone in another city — with the internal video camera in your machine trained on you — while reviewing figures from a financial spreadsheet model and then use the system to send a confirming telex.

The video conferencing portion of the system can be used along a local area network, via a long-range link or via a satellite hook-up. It is a full motion system which eliminates the jerky frame-by-frame movement used in some systems to try and get the price down in an area that is still expensive.

Datapoint say that the ability to switch between video-conference mode and computer mode at the flick of a switch, will pave the way for conferences which refer to large volumes of common data being held entirely on-line.

Another version of the system — known as multipoint conferencing — will allow a number of participants in a conference to see and hear one another via automatic video switching — the camera immediately switches to who ever is speaking.

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A guide to job opportunities

Watching idealism at work

The scope of British Council activities is vast and of considerable importance to the creation of mutual undertanding. Joan Llewelyn Owens looks at the prospects facing a recruit to this organization

Asked what the British Council does, many people will remember: "Oh, didn't it sponsor the Treasure Houses of Britain exhibition in Washington last year?" Indeed, the Council was responsible for the security and transport of all the exhibits and organised a huge airlift across the Atlantic. The result? All attendance records at Washington's National Gallery of Art were broken.

But exporting Britain's cultural heritage is only one of the Council's varied activities. It is increasingly involved in the administration of aid to developing countries, often for educational development. Its aims are: "to promote an enduring understanding and appreciation of Britain in other countries through cultural, educational and technical co-operation."

Activities include arranging training programmes, specialist courses and study visits in Britain; supplying British specialists for conferences, courses, consultancies and other collaborative projects overseas and recruiting British teachers for posts overseas. In addition to supplying information about Britain through British Council libraries overseas; the presenting of books and advising on book selection; teaching the English language overseas; presenting overseas British art, music, dance, drama and films; financing youth exchanges;

Exporting Britain's culture is only one part of the job

and helping to develop links between institutions of teaching and research and twinnings between towns and regions.

One can only give a few illustrations of the scope of the Council's work. At home, one member of staff may be recruiting staff for a university in Saudi Arabia while Council representatives overseas are engaged in providing advice to people of other nationalities who want to study in Britain.

This has been done on an ad hoc basis for many years, but recently the Council has set up educational counselling services in Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong and Singapore. These are very popular. In Kuala Lumpur, for instance, between 40 and 60 people a day complete the forms which will start them on the counselling service.

The Council's earnings have reached nearly £50 million a year and one of its most profitable activities is English language teaching. In 33 countries, thousands of people make their way to the Council's 50 Direct Teaching of English Centres. These are staffed mainly by UK contracted teachers.

The Council also acts on behalf of Overseas Development Administration in the recruitment of senior staff for the Key English Language Teaching Scheme (KELT) — a programme in support of English language teaching in the developing countries.

Requests for help come from all over the world. Recently, the Council signed an agreement with China Resources Holdings (the Hong Kong commercial arm of the Chinese Ministry of Trade) to provide language teaching in Hong Kong for 26 of their managers, who would be posed later throughout the South-East Asian and Pacific region.

Training arranged is not solely in English language teaching. During the year, the Council won ten new education contracts worth nearly £7 million, including a training package for China's Karamay oil project. Assistance is to be given in devising courses for the engineering workers' training centre.

A specialist team from Inverness College of Technical and Further Education will design and produce materials for advanced courses, and teachers from the Karamay training centre will visit Inverness before the new courses are introduced.

To organise all these activities, the Council employs 4,000 staff, of whom 2,500 work overseas, in 82 countries, from Algeria to Zimbabwe. For most of these staff it is a second career. Recruitment to the home and overseas careers services is a separate exercise, and there is often not a transfer from the home to the overseas service, though many of the most senior posts at headquarters are held by staff from the overseas career service.

Headquarters staff provide consultancy and resource services, administering programmes of training or study for people who come to this country from overseas; providing personnel and other services to support the work in Britain and abroad; and managing the Council's financial resources.

It is they who recruit teachers for overseas and arrange visas for British-educated children to join their parents in Saudi Arabia for the Christmas holidays. And when the London Festival Ballet tours the Soviet Union or a Turner exhibition is mounted in Japan, they do the groundwork.

For the home career service, candidates need a degree and at least two year' relevant work experience, usually in teaching, librarianship or social work. They are recruited not for a specific job, but as general administrators, and this ability has to be demonstrated during selection tests, which include drafting a tricky letter and handling a file dealing with specific problems.

For the overseas career service, candidates should have a good first degree followed by a postgraduate qualification and three years' working experience in a field relevant to the Council's activities, such as administration, accountancy, the arts, English teaching, library and information work, publishing or research. Ideally they should have overseas experience, perhaps with VSO, and be good at languages.

Complete mobility is essential. Members of the OCS usually spend about 60 per cent of their careers overseas. William Wood, now head of recruitment, went from a first post in Madras, India to Norway, then on secondment to the EEC in Brussels, and after that became regional director in Southern Sudan, taking his wife and baby with him.

This was a new office, in an area where there is no telephone, no postal service, and almost civil war between the Northern and the Southern Sudanese. Only when the generator in their bungalow worked did they have electricity. He had taken candles for emer-

Complete mobility is a an important prerequisite

gencies, but the climate was so hot that they wouldn't stand upright. Imported Chinese hurricane lamps were the solution.

From there he returned temporarily to to Bombay. In his absence, India had advanced and the Council's work changed with it. Most was now development work. About 11,000 Indians came to Britain every year under ODA schemes for technical training.

For the forseeable future, the Council hopes to recruit annually between 20 and 30 to each of the home and overseas services. There is continuous recruitment of Grade H administrative staff, with A levels. Pay is not high. The OCS start at Grade F at about £10,000 (with certain overseas allowances and benefits comparable with those of an officer in the Diplomatic Service.) The HCS start at Grade G at about £7,900. Nevertheless, numbers of people have been known to take considerable cuts in salary when joining, because the Council's aims appeal to their sense of idealism.

"I work with the Council," says William Wood, "because I think it is valuable to create mutual understanding, forge links and build bridges between countries."

A booklet on recruitment, may be obtained from Personnel Division (Staff Recruitment), British Council, 65 Davies Street, London, W1Y 2AA.

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Please send cv with full career details and experience, together with the names of two referees to: Brian Worthington, Chief Leisure Officer, Welwyn Hatfield District Council, Campus West, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 6BX. Tel (0707) 331212 ext 370. Closing date for applications: 21st November, 1986.

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The successful candidate should be able to demonstrate substantial administrative experience at a senior level in a public authority and preferably possess a legal or other relevant professional qualification.
For an informal discussion please telephone Mr R Wilkinson, Chief Assistant Secretary (Bedford 0234) 228850.
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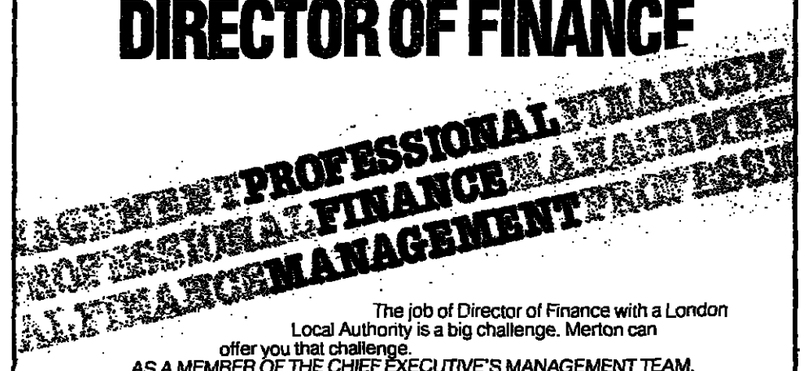

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The Chief Executive, London Borough of Merton, Crown House, London Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5DX.

(Please mark envelope 'Private – Appointment of Director of Finance').

Completed application forms must be returned to the Chief Executive by **24th November, 1986.**

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National Health Service
Sheffield Family Practitioner Committee

Appointment of Administrator

(Scale 29 £16,354 rising to £20,652 currently the subject of negotiations in Whitley Council)

Applications are invited for the post of Administrator Family Practitioner Services which becomes vacant on February 1st 1987 on the retirement of the present holder.

The Administrator is responsible for the control and direction of all the functions of the Family Practitioner Committee including co-operation with the Medical, Dental, Pharmaceutical and Ophthalmic professions for which the Committee is responsible and for the planning of future services. The Committee is responsible directly to the Secretary of State.

The area administered by the Sheffield F.P.C. coincides with that of the Sheffield Metropolitan District Council and it is a one district Health Authority with a population of about 550,000.

Requests for application forms should be sent as soon as possible in an envelope marked Personal and Confidential to:

The Chairman,
Sheffield Family Practitioner Committee,
Brincliffe House, 90 Osborne Road,
SHEFFIELD, S11 9BD

Closing date for applications will be first post Monday November 17th 1986. It is intended to interview short listed applicants on 24th & 25th November, 1986.

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responsible for creating a career-long range of education and development programmes for health service managers. Review of the Institute's professional qualifications and innovations in continuing education are high priorities. Achievements in management development are essential; knowledge of health services would be valuable.	in the form of media relations, communications, publishing and marketing, are crucial to the Institute's expanding role. The Manager must bring a professional, businesslike, approach to existing activities and set up links between the Institute and other organisations. A background in journalism, publishing, press or public relations and an interest in the public sector valuable.	includes administrative and secretarial services to the Council and its major committees, and internal finance and personnel services. Creating a wider range and higher level of membership services is the most important new initiative. Organisational, financial and administrative skills are crucial, as well as an imaginative approach to customer relations.	will be an increasingly important part of the Institute. The post-holder will identify policy initiatives and create opportunities for testing out new models in health services planning and management, often through joint work with other organisations. Experience of health and social services will be helpful, as will be demonstrated skills in policy analysis and project development.

The posts will be based at the Institute's headquarters but will require frequent travel in the U.K. Salaries will not be less than £18,000 pa. Applications, with a curriculum vitae, and the names and addresses of two referees, should be marked Personal and Confidential and sent to Dr Maureen Dixon, Director, The Institute of Health Services Management, 75 Portland Place, London W1N 4AN, by 24 November, quoting Ref. RS20.

Further information (please indicate which post(s) are of interest) from the Director who also welcomes informal discussions 01-580 5041.

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COUNTY SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT

Senior Assistant Solicitor

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Closing date: 21st November, 1986.

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RESPONSIVE COLLEGE PROGRAMME

FURTHER EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS

(TWO YEAR APPOINTMENTS)

£15,456 to £17,253

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Informal enquiries to: Dr. K. L. Jones, Assistant Director of Education. Tel.: Caernarfon 4121, ext. 2186.

Closing date: 10th November, 1986.

Application forms and further particulars available from The County Personnel Officer, County Offices, Caernarfon, LL55 1SH. Tel.: (0286) 4121, ext. 2078.

CAMPBELL COLLEGE
APPOINTMENT OF HEAD

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Details of the appointment may be obtained from the Bursar, Campbell College, Belfast, BT4 2ND. Candidates will be then be sent a standard form of application and particulars, together with a prospectus.

Information about the College may be obtained from the Independent Schools' Yearbook.

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Closing date: 14th November, 1986.

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Appointment will be initially within the IA range for university administrative staff (salary £7,055 to £12,780, under review). The person appointed will be required to join the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS).

An application form and further particulars may be obtained from Mrs. S.M. Dorman, Personnel Officer, UCCA, P.O. Box 28, Cheltenham, Glos, GL50 1HY.

Closing date for applications: 25 November 1986.

Leicestershire

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING)

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Applications forms and further details obtainable by telephoning Leicester (0533) 871313, extension 7388, or by writing to the Director of Planning and Transportation, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicester LE3 8RJ.

Closing date: Friday, 28th November 1986.

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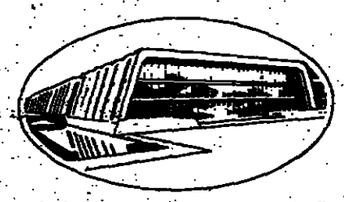

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RUGBY UNION: ATHLETICS TRAINING CONTRIBUTES TO DRIVE TO GREATER FITNESS

Players praise new squad conditioning approach

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The momentum achieved by England's leading players in the series of squad sessions which culminated in last week's training camp in Portugal, will be maintained on a regional basis over the next eight weeks. Tom McNab, the conditioning coach, whose background is tied up with top-flight athletics, hopes to organize workouts for the players with the leading athletics clubs in the four divisional areas.

Both those who organized the training camp, and those who participated in what one player described as a "knackering weekend", were delighted with the outcome. John Carleton, the 30-year-old squad centre, whose representative career goes back farther than most of his colleagues, said it was quite unique in his experience.

"What I really try to do is provide the players with models of sessions which they take back into their own situations as best they can", McNab said. "These 40 or so players can affect another two or three hundred, those around them in their clubs. You start to fan outwards from the top rather than try and develop the base. It's the same with the skills: if the skills are high when kids see them carried out on television, they will want to imitate them.

"Every division is going to go on to a track with athletes between now and the end of December, and I won't be seeing them as a group until the first match in January. Haringey, for example, will be perfect for the London-based players. We have to keep the momentum going. If you develop these very high levels of fitness then next year you start your basic work at a much higher level."

The emphasis on increased fitness has already been made in international matches this season: England's second-half performance against Japan last month and Ireland's sustained commitment against Romania at the weekend are indicative. But players in Portugal all agreed upon how much easier it is to train in agreeable conditions, with sunshine on their backs. "It is so much more difficult to train in track suits and wet suits in bad weather", Carleton said.

"Tom has introduced a new approach to running drills and fitness. The type of training the 'donkeys' have to do is different from the three-quarters, and what Tom does is new to us all. He doesn't get involved on the rugby side, but when you are fit – especially in an international context – it's easier to get through those last 20 minutes of a game when the pressure is on."

Both Carleton and Marcus Rose, the Harlequins full back who has been involved in first-class rugby since 1975, emphasized the worth of the camp as a morale-booster, an experience shared by a group of players with a specific end in view.

Donal Lenihan, Ireland's captain, said that improved fitness contributed to his country's record 60 points on Saturday. That extra fitness has played a large part in the ascendancy of the southern hemisphere countries in recent years. England may feel, with some justification, that they are at least treading the same road – even if there remains some way to go.

Tip top: Centre, John Carleton, was "delighted" with the results of England's squad fitness session in Portugal

Managers happy with plans for World Cup

By David Hands

The managers of the four home countries' World Cup squads returned from New Zealand at the weekend, generally happy with arrangements as they stand after a week of inspecting prospective venues, playing agreements and accommodation.

Their next step will be to report their findings to their respective unions; Michael Weston, England's manager, propping his eyelids open after making eight long flights in eight days, hopes his report will be available before the next Rugby Football Union committee meeting.

"The whole exercise was highly successful" he said yesterday. "We went right through the provisional World Cup contract, picking up points, raising questions, particularly in relation to what happens to the players.

"I spent two days in Sydney and Brisbane, though all our pool games will be played in Sydney at the Concord Oval. We are the only country who do not have to move around for our pool games which could be good if all the arrangements work out, bad if they do not." Weston also made contact with Dick Hart, the New South Wales official who will be England's liaison officer.

The England manager was impressed with the work of the Queensland officials in Brisbane, where England will play a quarter-final if they are runners-up in group one." The great thing about it was that the 16 team managers got on really well, making it a unique rugby occasion. We were all pitched in, not knowing what was going on but it proved a memorable experience."

Weston took a series of photographs to amplify his report and also enjoyed a long discussion with Clive Woodward, the former England centre, now living in Sydney. "The point he made was that England might as well not come unless they are twice as fit as they were last year" Weston said, " and I like to think we are ahead of the game in that respect with our appointment of Tom McNab as conditioning coach."

Help for Romania

Informal discussions with three of the four home unions have taken place to try to help Romanian rugby out of the low economic climate in which it exists and which affected the country's preparations for last Saturday's game against Ireland, in which they conceded 60 points (David Hands writes).

Possibly the most heart-warming moment of their disastrous visit to Dublin was the dinner afterwards when Irish players assured them that they should not be downcast; that Ireland had worked exceptionally hard to cast off memories of four championship defeats last season and Romania happened to be the unlucky recipients of that work.

There is considerable sympathy for Romania among the home countries, who will be asked to revert to the system initially agreed when Romania were put on a rota of home-and-away fixtures; that is, that the host nation should foot the bill, a system that changed when Scotland, after their visit to Bucharest in 1984, decided that they would seek alternative accommodation at their own expense on future occasions.

It may be said, too, that Romania did not help their own cause in selection; a five-hour charter flight in an ageing aeroplane, arriving just over 24 hours before the kick-off, is not ideal preparation; and their seven-man selection panel had already omitted two excellent flankers and made Dumitru, the captain, into a No 8 when he might have been better placed at lock.

Paraschiv, their experienced scrum half and former captain, is still in many eyes the best player in his position and may yet return for the World Cup.

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Bye for holders

The London holders of the Hospitals' Cup, have been drawn to play either Charing Cross/Westminster or St Bartholomew's in the second round on January 28. They have a bye in the first round. St Mary's, the beaten finalists last year, play either King's College or St George's.

DRAW: First round (January 14): Charing Cross/Westminster v St Bartholomew's; King's College v St George's. Second round (January 28): Charing Cross/Westminster or St Bartholomew's v London; UCH/Middlesex v St Thomas's; Royal Free v Guy's; King's College or St George's v St Mary's. Semi-finals (February 11 and 18) at Richmond. Final (March 4): at Richmond.

Warwickshire seek power

Warwickshire, the holders of the Thorn EMI county championship, meet Leicestershire at Coundon Road, Coventry, tonight in the first of the Midland divisional play-offs looking to rediscover the scrummaging power which carried them to the trophy last season. The second play-off is at Burton tomorrow when Staffordshire meet North Midlands (David Hands writes).

The power may return if Steve Wilkes, the Coventry tight-head prop, plays but he had stitches in a facial cut after his club's game with London Welsh at the weekend and may not be fit to take the place occupied by his club colleague, Trevor Revan.

Paul Thomas, the flanker who played in the final, is also due to make his first county appearance of the season. Strained stomach muscles have kept him out this season but he played his first game for Coventry Extras at the weekend and has regained his place.

Leicestershire also have two in the pack, the experienced Angus Collington, returning at No. 8, and Nigel Cooper coming in at lock to make an all-Hinckley second row. The winners of the two play-off games will meet in the Midlands final on November 19, with the winner advancing to the national semi-finals.

The Midlands, in county terms, have reverted to their old formula of two groups from east and west to find their champions. But they have been the first, as a division, to produce a formula for next season's inaugural English club championship. The Rugby Football Union want all four divisions to produce a league system for their area by January 1 and the Midlands will meet on November 20 to finalize the top end as it relates to the national third division.

Their leading clubs, of course, will be placed in the present John Smith's merit tables A and B, leaving Birmingham, Nuneaton and Rugby as contenders for the third division (which will probably include several clubs from what is now merit table C). Below that comes the North Area League, which will include Derby, Lichfield, Solihull, Stourbridge and one team from the national third division.

The Midland division have responsibility for the intervening layers down to individual county level. Thus the Midlands first division will feed into the North Area League and will, in turn, be fed by Midlands West and Midlands East leagues. Midlands West will be fed by the North Midlands League and the Staffordshire/Warwickshire League; Midlands East by the East Midlands/Leicestershire League and the Notts, Lincs and Derbyshire League.

Inevitably there are clubs who will feel somewhat aggrieved that they have been placed lower than they feel their general merit deserves. However, in the first year of any nationwide competition it would be impossible for the organizers to make no mistakes.

MIDLANDS FIRST DIVISION: Barkers Butts, Hinckley, Mansfield, Paviors, Peterborough, Stafford, Stockwood Park, Stoke, Walsall, Westleigh, Wolverhampton.

MIDLANDS WEST: Burton, Bromsgrove, Dixonians, Dudley-Kingswinford, Evesham, Hereford, Leamington, Newbold, Sutton Coldfield, Tamworth, Worcester.

MIDLANDS EAST: Kettering, Leighton Buzzard, Lincoln, Loughborough, Matlock, Newark, Stamford, Stoneygate, Syston, Vipers, Wigston.

NORTH MIDLANDS: Bridgnorth, Camp Hill, Edwardians, Ertington, Kidderminster, Kings Norton, Luctonians, Newport, Old Halesonians, Old Yardleians, Whitchurch.

STAFFS/WARWICKS: Bedworth, Handsworth, Kenilworth, Leek, Newcastle, Nuneaton OE, Old Leamingtonians, Old Longtonians, Stoke OB, Stratford, Willenhall.

EAST MIDLANDS/LEICS: Aylestone St James, Bedford Athletic, Long Buckby, Luton, Melton Mowbray, Oadby Wyggestonians, Old Northamptonians, South Leycester, Stewarts and Lloyds, Towcestrians, Trinity.

NOTTS, LINCS AND DERBYS: Boston, Chesterfield, Glossop, Grimsby, Kesteven, Mellish, Moderns, Scunthorpe, Southell, West Bridgford, Worksop.

GOLF

Thorpe's successful defence

Tucson (Reuter) – Jim Thorpe became the first PGA tour player in three years to defend his title successfully when he won the Tucson match-play tournament on Sunday. Thorpe, who collected $150,000 (about £105,000) for his victory over Scott Simpson in the final, is the first player since Calvin Peete, who successfully defended his title in 1983, to win two consecutive match-play championships.

Thorpe opened the day's play with a victory over Phil Blackmar in the semi-finals. He advanced to meet Simpson, a semi-final winner over Ken Green. "Today just started out perfect even though I was down two on the first hole to Blackmar," Thorpe said. "Once I got it back, though, I felt confident."

The final match was level going into the back nine but a Thorpe birdie on the 10th hole and a crucial par-saving six-foot putt on the 13th hole gave him a one-shot lead over Simpson. Simpson, who received $90,000 for his second place, took three putts from 65 feet, which cost him the 15th hole. He dropped another two strokes on the 17th hole, where Thorpe scored a birdie to clinch the match.

"Scott didn't putt the ball the way Scott Simpson can putt," Thorpe said. "I was fortunate to make all the putts I needed to make." Green won the consolation match over Blackmar, receiving $60,000 for third place.

● Mark Hayes compiled a consistent two-under-par 70 on Sunday to win the $200,000 Tallahassee Open by one stroke over Russ Cochran, a fellow American, who missed an eight-foot birdie putt on the final hole at Tallahassee, Florida. Hayes finished with a 72-hole total of 273, 15 under par, over the Killearn Country Club course. He pocketed $36,000 for his fourth PGA tour victory. It was his first win since the 1977 Tournament Players' Championship.

Hayes and Cochran, playing in the same threesome, were on the last green in regulation figures. Hayes rolled his birdie putt from 15 feet about four feet past the hole, then watched as Cochran tried to force a sudden-death play-off. But Cochran missed his eight-footer for a birdie to end up with a 70 for the day and 274 for the tournament. Hayes rolled in a four-foot putt for the championship.

FINAL TOTALS (all US): 273: M Hayes. 274: R Cochran. 275: J Gallagher, D Briggs, T Sieckmann. 276: S Jones, S Verplank. 277: K Knox.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

New York Jets make it seven in succession

By Robert Kirley

New Yorkers are nothing if not effusive, and the success of their sports teams will do little to temper their enthusiasm. In the afterglow of the Mets' victory in the baseball World Series, the Giants and the Jets are riding high in their respective divisions in the National Football League.

The Giants, leaders of the NFC East, recorded a 17-14 win against their arch rivals, the Dallas Cowboys, on Sunday, and the Jets, leaders of the AFC East, beat the Seattle Seahawks 38-7. The Jets' win was their seventh in succession, a club record.

At East Rutherford, New Jersey, Joe Morris ran for 181 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Giants. Dallas, who often find a way to beat the Giants, suffered through by two missed field goals in the second quarter, a meagre six-yard punt and three costly penalties on their final drive. The win gave the Giants consecutive victories over Washington and Dallas – their greatest rivals in the division.

At Seattle, Ken O'Brien passed for 431 yards and four touchdowns as the Jets ably countered the Seahawks' tenacious defensive unit. O'Brien, who entered the game as the league's most accurate quarterback, completed 26 of 32 passes, including 17 of 18 spanning the second and third quarters.

At Washington, Jay Schroeder concluded a 378-yard, two-touchdown passing effort by throwing a 38-yard scoring toss to Gary Clark in the second minute of the sudden-death overtime period to carry the Redskins past the Minnesota Vikings, 44-38. The teams produced an impressive total of 1,013 yards on offense, six changes in the lead and three missed extra points. Dexter Manley, the Washington defensive end, said: "It was the greatest game I've ever been in."

Tommy Kramer, the Minnesota quarterback, contributed four touchdown passes and 490 yards, a career best. He consistently "went deep", completing scoring passes of 76 and 67 yards to Leo Lewis, 68 yards to Steve Jordan and one yard to Darrin Nelson.

RESULTS: New England Patriots 25, Atlanta Falcons 17; Tampa Bay Buccaneers 34, Buffalo Bills 28; Cincinnati Bengals 24, Detroit Lions 17; Cleveland Browns 24, Indianapolis Colts 6; New York Giants 17, Dallas Cowboys 14; Pittsburgh Steelers 27, Green Bay Packers 3; Miami Dolphins 28, Houston Oilers 7; St Louis Cardinals 13, Philadelphia Eagles 10; New Orleans Saints 23, San Francisco 49ers 10; Denver Broncos 21, Los Angeles Raiders 10; Kansas City Chiefs 24, San Diego Chargers 23; New York Jets 38, Seattle Seahawks 7; Washington Redskins 44, Minnesota Vikings 38 (ael).

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern Division	W	L	T	PF	PA
New York Jets	8	1	0	244	173
New Eng Patriots	6	3	0	244	132
Miami Dolphins	4	5	0	226	240
Buffalo Bills	2	7	0	173	205
Indianapolis Colts	0	9	0	90	230

Central Division	W	L	T	PF	PA
Cincinnati Bengals	6	3	0	209	239
Cleveland Browns	6	3	0	199	189
Pittsburgh Steelers	3	6	0	142	195
Houston Oilers	1	8	0	152	206

Western Division	W	L	T	PF	PA
Denver Broncos	8	1	0	230	148
Kansas City Chiefs	6	3	0	205	195
LA Raiders	5	4	0	174	188
Seattle Seahawks	5	4	0	185	158
San Diego Chargers	1	8	0	189	248

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division	W	L	T	PF	PA
New York Giants	7	2	0	186	124
Washington Redskins	7	2	0	212	183
Dallas Cowboys	6	3	0	240	151
Philadelphia Eagles	3	6	0	131	179
St Louis Cardinals	2	7	0	116	204

Central Division	W	L	T	PF	PA
Chicago Bears	7	1	0	186	97
Minnesota Vikings	5	4	0	214	158
Detroit Lions	3	6	0	140	167
Tampa Bay Bucs	2	7	0	161	246
Green Bay Packers	1	8	0	111	249

Western Division	W	L	T	PF	PA
LA Rams	6	2	0	144	127
Atlanta Falcons	5	3	1	184	157
San Fran 49ers	5	3	1	211	147
New Orleans Saints	4	5	0	175	160

Not including last night's match between Chicago Bears and Los Angeles Rams.

ICE HOCKEY

Redskins turn the tables at last

By Norman de Mesquita

This could be the season when British ice hockey achieves something that leagues in all sports strive for – parity. With no more than 16 matches played after the first two weekends of the Heineken League premier division, only Nottingham Panthers have a 100 per cent record and Streatham Redskins have made a breakthrough in Scotland.

It was Streatham's first success north of the border since January 1984 after 21 defeats and one tie; and they achieved it against Fife Flyers, who had hitherto carried all before them. It was back to normal on Sunday, however, when Dundee Rockets beat the Redskins 10-5. Outstanding for the Rockets was their Czechoslovak import, Jaroslav Lycka.

Solihull Barons achieved their first premier division point, sharing 16 goals with Cleveland, and there was a tie as well between Whitley Warriors and Murrayfield Racers, who shared 26 goals. Tony Hand scored another four goals for Racers. Ayr Brains continue to struggle and conceded double-figure scores at Nottingham Panthers and Durham Wasps.

While the 10 premier division clubs vie for six play-off places, the first division offers promotion to only one of 16 teams. Not surprisingly, clubs are making great efforts to strengthen their line-ups and Lee Valley Lions, following last weekend's home defeat by Telford Tigers, have dispensed with two of their Finns and imported two young alumni of Boston College.

Mike Barron and Neil Shea made their debuts in the weekend wins at Oxford and at home to Slough and combined for 13 goals. They also seem to have given Janne Lehti a new lease of life and he scored six goals. Telford had a disappointing weekend, dropping a home point to Kirkcaldy and suffering their first league defeat at Southampton. This division is already taking on a cut-throat appearance and that promotion place will surely be in doubt until the end of the season.

PREMIER DIVISION: Cleveland Bombers 9, Whitley Warriors 6; Fife Flyers 6, Streatham Redskins 7; Nottingham Panthers 10, Ayr Bruins 3; Dundee Rockets 10, Streatham Redskins 5; Durham Wasps 11, Ayr Bruins 8; Solihull Barons 8, Cleveland Bombers 8; Whitley Warriors 13, Murrayfield Racers 13.

FIRST DIVISION: Glasgow Eagles 10, Medway Bears 7; Oxford City Stars 8, Lee Valley Lions 17; Swindon Wildcats 6, Sunderland Chiefs 12; Telford Tigers 6, Kirkcaldy Kestrels: Altrincham Aces 8, Kirkcaldy Kestrals 5; Bournemouth Stags 9, Sunderland Chiefs 11; Irvine Wings 5, Medway Bears 17; Lee Valley Lions 10, Slough Jets 9; Oxford City Stars 4, Richmond Flyers 7; Southampton Vikings 9, Telford Tigers 8.

RACING

Dancing Brave has black eye excuse

There was almost certainly a valid excuse for the shock defeat of British champion Dancing Brave in California at the weekend.

The Arc hero finished a lifeless fourth behind Manila in the Breeders' Cup Turf, but his *trainer Guy Harwood* revealed at Folkestone yesterday that Dancing Brave blacked his eye during the race, and may have been running almost blind.

Harwood, who made the transatlantic dash to the Kent course to see his daughter Amanda finish unplaced on All Intent behind Galesa in the amateurs' race, said: "We were very disappointed and sad about the defeat, but Dancing Brave blacked his near eye.

"Dirt must have been thrown up as the runners went over the crossing, and that may have affected his running."

Harwood added: "I was particularly disappointed about the way the colt came around the home turn, and the eye injury may have been the reason. At home, he has always worked exceptionally well on a left-handed turn."

Another competitor in the amateurs's event, the Leeds Stakes, was Princess Anne, who after an official engagement at Clacton, touched down at Folkestone in a Royal Flight helicopter shortly before the second race to prepare for her ride aboard Glowing Promise.

The Princess reached third place on Glowing Promise but was no match for Galesa.

Guy Harwood's Skean, who is chasing a treble in the Tugby Stakes at Leicester today

Henryk can pay compliment to Hanbury's hope

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Ben Hanbury, the Newmarket trainer, excelled earlier this year when he guided Midway Lady to win both the 1,000 Guineas and the Oaks.

Now, following the runaway victory of Raahia in the Duke of Edinburgh Stakes at Ascot *last month, he is entertaining* hopes of at least winning the 1,000 again next year.

But if his aspirations are to go into the winter with a degree of reality he must first hope to hear that Rod Simpson's colt Henryk has won the Pytchley Stakes at Leicester this afternoon. For it was Henryk who chased Raahia home at Ascot, albeit at the respectable distance of four lengths.

Today, *Henryk* appears to have most to fear from Afternoon Winner, who started favourite at even money to win her first race at Leicester and never looked in any danger of letting her supporters down.

When Rather Homely won the first race at Folkstone yesterday she took her trainer Paul Cole's tally for the season to 61. That equalled his best. And considering that he is still finding his way around the Whatcombe gallops, rather like Michael Dickinson is at Manton, that is a fine achievement.

This afternoon Cole will not be without hope that **Broken Hearted** and **Rushluan** can help to give him an even higher target to aim at next year by winning their races at Leicester.

Otherwise, the rest of my hopes on the Midlands track are pinned on **Betty Jane** (12.0) and **Shooting Party** (12.30).

Runner-up to Sannox Bay on her last visit to the course, Betty Jane can go one better in the first of the numerous divisions of the Hoby Maiden Stakes while Shooting Party can capitalise upon his promising run behind his stable companion Scarlet Blade in the Houghton Stakes at Newmarket by winning another.

Today's nap, though, is entrusted to **Doughty Rebel** in the *Teesdale Handicap Hurdle* at Sedgefield.

Significantly, his trainer Gordon Richards has decided to run this improved five-year-old over hurdles again instead of sending him chasing which was his choice both yesterday and today.

After winning his first race of the season at Hexham, Doughty Rebel was a decisive winner over today's course and distance last month when he managed to give the hot favourite Buck Up the slip.

Heavily backed again to retrieve those losses at Southwell last Thursday, Buck *Up looked like doing* so until the second-last hurdle brought about his downfall.

As at the time he was going like a winner I think that Doughty Rebel did well to beat him earlier.

Meanwhile, at Fontwell I give **Grateful Heir** a good chance of winning the Frank Cundell Challenge Trophy. Last December Nick Gaselee's seven-year-old had Golden Friend just behind when he finished third to Royal To Do and Skegby at Nottingham.

Just on that run he is by no means harshly treated now with 10st.12lb and looks another likely winner for Dermot Browne who was seen to such good effect at Chepstow on Saturday riding Fort Rupert to victory.

Blinkered first time

LEICESTER: 11.30 Willow Gorge, Cheerful Times, Carvery. 12.0 Marcovich. 12.30 Don't Yer Know. 1.30 Market Spirit. Try Hills Supplies. 2.0 Jubilee Jamboree, Montbergis. 3.0 Navarzato, Sparky Lad. 3.30 Rushluan.

Asteroid Field fourth in Ribbon

From a Correspondent, Santa Anita, California

The Barry Hills-trained Asteroid Field, after leading in the home straight, failed to finish fourth behind the Californian mare Bonne Ile in the £240,000 Yellow Ribbon Stakes at Santa Anita on Sunday.

The five-year-old winner is owned and was bred by Arthur Budgett and comes from the same family as Blakeney and Morston, whom Budgett trained to win the Derbys of 1969 and 1973.

Asteroid Field was always well placed on the rail close behind the favourite, Top Corsage, who cut out the running.

Brent Thomson asked her to go and win her race as Top Corsage faltered entering the home straight.

For ten strides Asteroid Field seemed to have the Ribbon in her grasp, but as the pack closed on her down the outside, the wily Fernando Toro, hero of the Budweiser Arlington Million on Estrapade, found a dream of a run up the rail on Bonne Ile.

Top Corsage ran on again to be second with Carotene third and Asteroid Field fourth. Dubian, Britain's other challenger, finished in the ruck.

Bonne Ile was trained by John Dunlop at Arundel for the first two years of her career before joining Jonathan Pease in France, where she won just one race of significance.

She crossed the Atlantic a year ago with the European horses who went to the Breeders Cup at Aqueduct, New York, and was taken home to California by that successful trainer John Gosden.

Hills was not too downcast by Asteroid Field's show. "She probably doesn't stay the distance," he said. "But it's a long way to bring a filly, watch her come out of the last bend like a winner only to see her swallowed up at the death."

Asteroid Field stays in training as a four-year-old next season and Hills has the Trusthouse Forte Mile at Sandown Park in the spring as her likely target.

Michael Stoute's mare Santiki was withdrawn from the Yellow Ribbon in the morning with heat in one foreleg.

LEICESTER

Selections

By Mandarin

11.30 Tumeric.
12.00 Betty Jane.
12.30 Shooting Party.
1.00 Broken Hearted.
1.30 Cammarino.
2.00 *Sleepline Duchess.*
2.30 Vilmax.
3.00 Navarzato.
3.30 *Rushlan.*
4.00 Henryk.

By Our Newmarket *Correspondent*

11.30 Tumeric.
12.00 Dragon's Blood.
12.30 Star North.
1.00 Sharp Ego.
1.30 Statutory.
2.00 *Jubilee Jamboree.*
2.30 Baytino.
3.00 Pointed Lady.
3.30 Granny Bimps.
4.00 Loud Appeal.

By Michael Seely

3.00 Navarzato. 4.00 Julliard.

Going: good **Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best**

11.30 FOSSE WAY CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: 3-Y-O: £3,262: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

3 (6) 411010 CAPRICORN BLUE (V,D) (P Asquith) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-5 D Nicholls 93 F2-1
4 (9) 000020 COMMON FARM (M Brittain) M Brittain 9-5 P Robinson 87 —
5 (15) 000000 EASTERN PLAYER (M Pridham) D Laing 9-5 J Reid 81 —
7 (1) 0-01200 MATELOT ROYALE (M Butler) A Davison 9-5 B Rouse 85 —
10 (10) 000034 PRIME NUMBER (F Jenkins) P Cole 9-5 T Quinn 89 9-2
12 (2) 042313 TURMERIC (C Spence) D Morley 9-5 R Cochrane 95 4-1
13 (14) 000430 WILLOW GORGE (B) (Mrs N Lewis) G Lewis 9-5 P Waldron 87 12-1
17 (3) 001040 LYDIA EVA (C Blackwell) R Hannon 9-2 A McGlone 91 8-1
18 (13) 00 MISS TIMED (BF) (D Macrae) W Jarvis 9-2 A Murray 97 —
22 (5) 200000 CHEERFUL TIMES (V) (B Cousins) K Ivory 9-1 P Cook 94 —
26 (8) 004004 CHEVET LADY (V,D,BF) (D Gibbons) R Whitaker 8-12 K Bradshaw (5) 90 13-2
29 (7) 301300 PHILOSOPHICAL (G Cumming) W Musson 8-12 M Wigham 91 —
32 (11) 001002 DRESS IN SPRING (Spring House) G Blum 8-10 M Rimmer 79 5-1
33 (12) 023040 CARVERY (V) (T Warner) A Hide 8-8 T Ives ● 99 —
42 (4) GAY STARLIGHT (Mrs V Ball) Miss L Siddall 8-2 — — —

1985: TOPSOIL 8-13 S Cauthen (2-1 fav) R Simpson 10 ran

12.0 HOBY MAIDEN STAKES (Div I, part 1: 2-Y-O: £1,535: 1m) (17 runners)

2 (7) AVENIO (B Clark) J Francome 9-0 W Newnes — —
7 (5) 00 CHARLIE DICKINS (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks 78 —
8 (11) 003 CLOPTON (G Hubbard) M Ryan 9-0 P Robinson 80 5-1
9 (17) 00004 DESIGN WISE (A Miller Design) A Ingham 9-0 A Shoults (3) 67 —
11 (6) DRAGON'S BLOOD (S Niarchos) H Cecil 9-0 Paul Eddery — 3-1
13 (2) 04 FORUM'S FOLLY (BF) (The Forum Ltd) J Sutcliffe 9-0 M Hills 83 8-1
19 (16) 000030 JONITE (T Yorke) R Akehurst 9-0 S Whitworth 61 12-1
21 (13) KURDISH PRINCE (M Qashan) N Vigors 9-0 P Cook — —
23 (8) 00000 MAGNOLIA DANCER (B Bishop) K Bridgwater 9-0 P Simms (7) — —
25 (12) 00 MARCOVICH (B) (P Barth) M Blanshard 9-0 N Adams — —
27 (3) MODEL LAD (Noland & Treacy) C O'Neill 9-0 J Williams — —
29 (1) 0 PALACE SONG (A Anastasiou) C Chariet 9-0 R Cochrane 98 —
31 (15) 000030 PIALUCI (Mrs C Seymour) B Preece 9-0 N Howe — —
47 (14) 42 BETTY JANE (E Price) J Dunlop 8-11 W Carson ● 99 F2-1
55 (4) 3300 NABRAS (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11 A Murray 93 7-1
56 (9) NEEDWOOD NYMPH (Needwood Turf) B Morgan 8-11 W Ryan — —
62 (10) 0 TWICE BITTEN (Mrs P Makin) P Makin 8-11 T Quinn — —

1985: OSTENSIBLE 8-0 G Starkey (4-5 fav) G Harwood 15 ran

12.30 HOBY MAIDEN STAKES (Div I, part 2: 2-Y-O: £1,535: 1m) (17 runners)

10 (15) 0 DON'T YER KNOW (B) (Sir G Reece) D Morley 9-0 R Guest — 12-1
12 (5) 00 FEARLESS MAN (M Yong) L Piggott 9-0 T Ives 95 F7-4
14 (7) 0 GERUNTY (I Southcott) M Prescott 9-0 C Nutter — —
15 (9) GIFTED NEPHEW (T Saud) C Tinkler 9-0 M Birch — —
16 (11) GLOVER'S KIND (T Glover) R Whitaker 9-0 D McKeown — —
30 (2) 044000 PARKERS JOY (Mrs J Parker) D Burchell 9-0 G Bardwell (7) 89 —
36 (16) 0 SHOOTING PARTY (L Freedman) H Cecil 9-0 W Ryan ● 99 3-1
44 (12) 00 ULYSSES (Mrs A Dale) D Dale 9-0 G Dickie — —
46 (14) 00 ANORADA (H Ranier) B Hanbury 8-11 A Geran (5) — 10-1
49 (17) CONNAUGHT'S JOY (Mrs M Murray) B McMahon 8-11 T Williams — —
50 (13) DEVON LASS (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 8-11 W Carson — 9-2
51 (1) 0 DREEMSKERRY (A White) R Hollinshead 8-11 S Perks — —
52 (8) HOLLIE DANCING (T Lyons II) P Arthur 8-11 NON-RUNNER — —
53 (10) 0 LILY MAB (R Belderson) P Kelleway 8-11 Gay Kelleway (3) — 8-1
54 (3) 00 MAIN ROCKET (K Powter) M Jarvis 8-11 P Hutton (7) — —
58 (4) 0 RAMBERGE (Marquesa de Moratalla) R Sheather 8-11 M Rimmer — 10-1
61 (6) 0 TUNEFUL FLUTTER (J Armytage) M Blanshard 8-11 W Newnes — —

1985: See 12.0 race

1.0 HOBY MAIDEN STAKES (Div II, part 1: 2-Y-O: £1,468: 1m) (18 runners)

4 (5) AUGUSTUS CAESAR (R Dilley) R Akehurst 9-0 S Whitworth — —
7 (13) BROKEN HEARTED (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn — 8-1
10 (3) 00 BURLY NATIVE (Heathavon Stables) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 W Ryan — 10-1
11 (16) 40 CAJUN DANCER (M Peraticos) M E Francis 9-0 C Rutter (3) — —
18 (2) FRENCH GONDOLIER (Maktoum Al Maktoum) O Douieb 9-0 Paul Eddery — 3-1
21 (15) 00 HOME TO TARA (N Sweeney) R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks — —
27 (14) PIRACY (Capt R Smyly) R Smyly 9-0 A Murray — —
28 (18) PPS LITTLE SECRET (B Seabrook) T Kersey 9-0 — — —
35 (6) 00300 SOULEIADOU (B) (Mrs V Longcroft) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 J Reid 95 4-1
36 (4) 0 BARMERA (W Chua) M Jarvis 8-11 T Lucas — —
37 (8) 00 CI SIAMO (E Addison) M Ryan 8-11 P Robinson ● 99 —
41 (7) 00 FAIR MOON (G Watson) W Charles 8-11 J Williams — —
42 (10) 00 FINAL RUSH (K Campbell) D Oughton 8-11 B Crossley — —
43 (1) GRAND ECLIPSE (W Norton) P Kelleway 8-11 Gay Kelleway (3) — —
46 (17) 00 MAGNOLIA PRINCESS (B Bishop) K Bridgwater 8-11 P Simms (7) — —
50 (9) 20 SCALLYKATH (S Jack) R Hodges 8-11 N Adams 95 —
51 (11) SHARP EGO (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11 W R Swinburn — F5-4
52 (12) 0 WESTMINSTER WALTZ (E Mills) D Thom 8-11 G Sexton — —

1985: COUPE D'HEBE 8-8 R Lines (16-1) W Hastings-Bass 16 ran

1.30 HOBY MAIDEN STAKES (Div I, part 3: 2-Y-O: £1,535: 1m) (17 runners)

4 (1) 04 CAMMARINO (I Allan) H Candy 9-0 W Newnes 88 8-1
5 (15) 00 CARPET CAPERS (A Baxter) R Smyth 9-0 S Whitworth 88 —
18 (16) IMPERIAL BRUSH (P Pullon) D Elsworth 9-0 A McGlone — 12-1
20 (13) KHATTAF (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-0 B Rouse — —
26 (17) 00 MARKET SPIRIT (B) (J Walton) P Blockley 9-0 G Starkey — —
28 (12) 00 ONE TO NOTE (Mrs M O'Toole) C Tinkler 9-0 M Birch 84 —
34 (7) 00 RA RAVER (R Holdings Ltd) B McMahon 9-0 J Hills (5) — —
35 (10) 0 SALOPARD (J Lamotte) M Jarvis 9-0 T Lucas — —
37 (4) 04 SLIPPERY MAX (J McLaren) G Prichard-Gordon 9-0 G Carter 80 3-1
38 (11) 042 STAR NORTH (E Holding) L Piggott 9-0 T Ives ● 99 F5-4
39 (14) STATUTORY (Sheikh Mohammed) O Douieb 9-0 Paul Eddery — 5-1
41 (3) 330000 SWING SINGER (A Smith) H Whiting 9-0 W Woods (3) 80 —
42 (6) THE GAELCHARN (Mrs W Tulloch) C Nelson 9-0 J Reid — —
43 (2) 000000 TRY HILLS SUPPLIES (V) (Hill's Supplies) M Chapman 9-0 J Williams — —
57 (5) 0 OH WIGGY (B Seabrook) T Kersey 8-11 M Wigham — —
60 (9) SALAZIE (J Wigan) W Hastings-Bass 8-11 — — —
63 (8) 000004 VIA VERITAS (Mrs A Mutch) R Hollinshead 8-11 R Lappin (7) 79 —

1985: See 12.0 race

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103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

2.0 BARSBY SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £704: 1m 4f) (15 runners)

2 (10) 0400 WORTH DEBATING (M Clemence) G Gaines 9-5 S Knightley — 7-2
3 (8) 000 SANDY BILL (G Moses) M Tompkins 9-3 R Cochrane — —
5 (11) 020030 SLEEPLINE DUCHESS (Miss S Armstrong) G Huffer 9-0 R Carter (5) 93 F3-1
6 (5) 2-24000 HAJ (T Chan) Miss L Bower 8-13 J Reid 98 11-2
7 (6) 003402 FIRE LORD (J Ross) J Jenkins 8-13 B Rouse 93 7-2
8 (4) 300300 JUBILEE JAMBOREE (B) (Miss E Aldous) A Hide 8-13 P Robinson 92 —
9 (14) 020-000 MONTBERGIS (B) (V Love) B Preece 8-11 N Adams 97 —
10 (1) 800000 WAY ABOVE (B) (H Hutton) H Rohan 8-11 A Clark ● 99 10-1
11 (7) 0-4004 NAME THE DAY (B) (J Douglas-Home) J Douglas-Home 8-8 W Newnes 90 6-1
12 (15) 0-00200 TYRANNISE (D Bell) B McMahon 8-7 A Mackay 93 12-1
13 (13) 04000 EXPERT WITNESS (T Needham) B Morgan 8-6 W Ryan 92 —
14 (9) 0-00000 SUNLIT (G Reed) C Thornton 8-5 J Bleasdale 88 —
16 (12) 00000 GOLDEN AZELIA (R Brazington) R Brazington 8-4 J Williams — —
17 (5) 00-000 PLATINUM STAR (R Holdsworth) T Kersey 8-2 S Williams (7) — —
18 (2) 0-20402 JULTOWN LAD (S Birkett) H Beasley 8-1 R Morse (5) 89 —

1985: KIKI STAR 9-7 M Wigham (10-11 fav) M Usher 8 ran

2.30 FOSSE WAY CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: 3-Y-O: £3,262: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

6 (3) 000140 JAAZIEL (B,D) (J Guest) D Murray-Smith 9-5 R Wernham 89 —
8 (11) 00-0020 NO BOLDER (B Ryan) R Hannon 9-5 A McGlone 80 —
9 (15) 400240 PORO BOY (Mrs B Sathasivam) C N Williams 9-5 G Baxter 84 —
14 (2) 03683 BAYTINO (BF) (R Brown) H Collingridge 9-2 M Rimmer 90 F9-4
16 (5) 000000 LADY WINDMILL (G Steinberg) K Ivory 9-2 G Morgan 87 —
21 (14) 040000 ROYAL EFFIGY (J Bayliss) D Leslie 9-2 J Williams 96 —
24 (1) 4-04001 PLAIN TALK (Sir G Brunton) A Hide 9-1 P Bratte (7) 91 11-4
26 (13) 330000 HOT MOMMA (K Bethel) R Boss 8-12 Paul Eddery ● 99 4-1
30 (8) 00 HILLISON (Mrs E O'Donnell) D O'Donnell 8-11 W Newnes — —
31 (4) DORA FROST (Mrs A Daniel) J Douglas-Home 8-10 W Ryan — —
36 (9) 00-3320 RYMOS (B) (Excite Ltd) R Simpson 8-7 S Whitworth 91 12-1
38 (6) 0-02 MISS BECCA (W Haigh) W Haigh 8-6 J H Brown (5) 88 13-2
39 (10) 2 VILMAX (E Gethin) B McMahon 8-6 G Carter 98 7-1
40 (7) 00-0030 DELTA LIMA (B) (R De Lisser) G Kindersley 8-5 J Reid 91 —
41 (12) POINTON'S PROGRESS (B) (Mrs S Pointon) D Burchell 8-5 T Williams — —

1985: See 11.30 race

3.0 TUGBY EBF STAKES (£4,002: 7f) (20 runners)

2 (7) 200300 NAVARZATO (B,B,D) (Mde Moratalla) R Sheather 3-9-7 A Shoults (3) 98 5-1
3 (2) 021230 MAWSUFF (D) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-9-4 R Hills 98 3-1
4 (3) 002000 PARIS TRADER (N Yiasoumi) J Payne 4-9-3 G Bardwell (7) 78 —
5 (9) 40-0200 PALMION (D Faulkner) R Hollinshead 4-9-2 S Perks 73 —
6 (14) 00-0000 MIA JUBES (J Rowland) P Arthur 4-9-1 D Price — —
7 (4) 041300 NUDISHA (CD) (Cheveley Park Stud) G Huffer 3-9-1 R Carter (5) 87 12-1
8 (19) 022211 SKEAN (C) (Mrs J Chandler) G Harwood 3-9-1 G Starkey 92 7-2
10 (5) 4-00000 BARCLAY STREET (CD) (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 3-9-0 J Reid ● 99 10-1
11 (6) 003141 BROADHURST (B,D) (L Baker) J Etherington 3-9-0 A Murray — 70
13 (20) 002400 QUINTA REEF (F Lee) M Jarvis 3-9-0 T Ives 94 6-1
15 (12) 000- BUGATTI (B) (D Mafam) D Burchell 8-8-13 T Williams — —
16 (1) 000000 SAHARA SHADOW (D) (M Tebbutt) D Tucker 4-8-13 — 62 —
19 (16) 220022 PERSHING (Mrs M Booth) J Leigh 5-8-12 J Carr (7) 71 —
20 (15) 000000 SPARKY LAD (B) (D Kelly) A Jarvis 3-8-12 — 75 —
21 (8) 343244 TIT WILLOW (B,BF) (I Bell) S Norton 4-8-12 D Nicholls 65 —
23 (17) 1000-00 LADY EUROLINK (C) (Eurolink Com Ser) P Mitchell 4-8-10 A McGlone 72 —
25 (13) 420021 POINTED LADY (D) (Kinderhill Corp) R Armstrong 3-8-10 G Baxter 76 —
26 (18) 442100 SYBIL FAWLTY (V) (C Wright) D Laing 3-8-10 W Newnes 84 —
27 (10) 342421 ACTUALIZATIONS (R Stokes) L Cumani 3-8-9 R Cochrane 84 —
40 (11) 344462 SOMETHING CASUAL (V,D) (Mrs C Bletsoe) A Hide 3-8-6 R Guest 94 11-2

1985: ROYAAN 3-8-8 J Reid 9-4 C Benstead 15 ran

FORM MANSUFF, 8th in Ireland when last seen 2 months ago, best of his form (9-0) a short head defeat Of Star Cutter (9-0), the pair 10l clear, at Sandown in June (7f mdn, £4333, good to firm, June 14, 18 ran). PARIS TRADER, (8-5) just over 2l 5th to Gold Prospect (9-8) at Newbury (8f, £5293, soft, Oct 25, 27 ran). Earlier (7-7) 7l 6th to Dallas (9-5) in the Cambridgeshire with NAVARZATO (9-0) 1¾l back in 9th but racing on the unfavoured far side (1m 11yds, £37281, good to firm, Oct 4, 31 ran). SKEAN, (8-7) got up to catch SOMETHING CASUAL (8-8), beating her 1l here (8f, £3268, good to firm, Oct 21, 12 ran). BARCLAY STREET last ran in August. On penultimate start (9-4) 4l 5th to Star Cutter (9-6) at Goodwood (8f, £5049, good, July 29, 12 ran). BROADHURST, (8-2) beat Bella Banus (8-13) at Redcar (7f, £2845, good, Oct 28, 22 ran). ACTUALIZATIONS, (8-9) held on to beat Black Comedy (8-9) a neck at Nottingham a week ago. SPARKY LAD (9-3) behind (8f, £1797, good, 19 ran. Selection: BARCLAY STREET

3.30 HOBY MAIDEN STAKES (Div II, part 2: 2-Y-O: £1,468: 1m) (18 runners)

1 (9) AL FAYES (M Usher) M Usher 9-0 M Wigham — 12-1
5 (2) 0 BALHOLM EXPRESS (B Pollins) A Hide 9-0 R Guest — —
9 (10) 0009 BUMPTIOUS BOY (T Pilkington) R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks 78 10-1
14 (11) 004300 COMBINED EXERCISE (Mrs W McAlpine) R Smyth 9-0 S Whitworth 95 6-1
16 (3) 00 FARMERS GAMBLE (W Ponsford) N Kernick 9-0 R Street — —
17 (8) 0 FESTIVE OCCASION (Sir G Reece) D Morley 9-0 T Williams — —
20 (5) 3 HAATIF (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 R Hills ● 99 F7-4
23 (13) 0 LINCO KING (W Wharton) W Wharton 9-0 — — —
24 (17) 00 MANSIO (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 9-0 W Newnes 80 —
29 (6) REGAL BRASS (B Townsend) T Taylor 9-0 N Carlisle — —
31 (15) ROSY CHEEKS (P Savill) M Pipe 9-0 Paul Eddery — —
33 (16) 00 RUSHLUAN (V) (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 91 7-1
39 (14) DOUBLE GIFT (Mrs P Scott-Dunn) K Ivory 9-0 G Morgan — —
40 (4) 0 DREAMING RIVER (S Emmet) R Johnson Houghton 8-11 J Reid — —
44 (7) 04 GRANNY BIMPS (Int Thoroughbred Breeders) R Sheather 8-11 A Shoults (3) 95 5-2
45 (1) 00 HAIL A CAB (R Brazington) R Brazington 8-11 J Williams — —
47 (18) 000 MELDON HILL (R Vines) D Elsworth 8-11 A McGlone — —
49 (12) 0 NAUTICAL BELLE (J Sainsbury) D Ringer 8-11 N Day — —

1985: See 1.0 race

4.0 PYTCHLEY STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,013: 7f) (18 runners)

2 (2) 01 STUBBLE FIRE (CD) (Duke of Marlborough) J Dunlop 9-3 W Carson 90 9-2
3 (7) 1 AFTERNOON WINNER (D) (J Brody) G Harwood 9-2 G Starkey 97 F5-4
7 (3) 00 ARQUATI REDWOOD (Arquati Uk Ltd) R Williams 8-11 R Hills — —
8 (6) 0 ASH-DEE ROYALE (Miss J Voce) H Whiting 8-11 W Woods (3) — —
9 (15) 3 BEL BYOU (F Salman) P Cole 8-11 T Quinn 92 —
11 (11) 00 FRIMLEY PARKSON (T Lyons II) P Arthur 8-11 NON-RUNNER — —
13 (18) GRAPE (Lord R Russell) W Jarvis 8-11 A Murray — —
14 (12) 2 HENRYK (Excite Ltd) R Simpson 8-11 S Whitworth ● 99 7-2
15 (9) 00 JADE HUNTER (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-11 W Ryan 87 —
16 (8) 0 JEFF HARRIS (E Keelan) M Prescott 8-11 C Nutter — —
17 (14) 2 JULLIARD (R Sangster) M W Dickinson 8-11 J Reid 95 10-1
18 (13) 02 LOUD APPEAL (Mrs D Haynes) M Stoute 8-11 W R Swinburn 94 6-1
20 (16) LYNCOMBE BOY (V Tjolle) P Bowden 8-11 J Williams — —
23 (4) 0 MELROW (J Rowland) P Arthur 8-11 NON-RUNNER — —
24 (1) MIN ALLAH (Prince A Salman) H Cecil 8-11 Paul Eddery — —
27 (17) TIMBUCK (K Abdulla) G Harwood 8-11 R Cochrane — —
29 (10) 0 BUSTED HARMONY (C Shack) J Shaw 8-8 T Williams — —
31 (5) HARUSI (J Richmond-Watson) G Harwood 8-8 A Clark — —

1985: TICKFORD 8-8 G Starkey (7-2) G Harwood 8 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
H Cecil	41	93	44.1	W Carson	41	191	21.4
M Stoute	27	93	29.0	G Starkey	17	98	17.3
J Dunlop	28	114	24.6	T Quinn	17	113	15.0
L Cumani	10	45	22.2	A Murray	11	100	11.0

FONTWELL PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

1.15 Venetian Princess.
1.45 Grateful Heir.
2.15 The Diplomat.
2.45 Owen Glendower.
3.15 The Royal Comrie.
3.45 Bold Impression.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.15 CHESTERFIELD (nap).

Going: good

1.15 BOXGROVE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£873: 2m 2f) (22 runners)

1 001-002 FIRE CHIEFTAIN (CD) (B Pearce) J Long 8-11-13 Leesa Long (7) 83 11-2
2 0/U00FF- BRITISH CROWN (CD) (M Bolton) S Woodman 10-11-8 P Scudamore 82 7-1
4 P00033/ TUDOR BOB (A Albright) C Holmes 8-11-4 C Cox (4) — —
5 000/42-0 STINGO (K Higson) A Moore 7-11-0 Candy Moore (7) 84 14-1
6 2-00030 PASS ASHORE (B) (Miss J Coule) M Oliver 7-11-0 R Dunwoody 91 4-1
8 300004/ BALLYSEEDY HERO (J Ford) Miss P O'Connor 8-10-13 — — —
9 00-03 THAMES TRADER (H Booty) P Haynes 5-10-12 A Webb — 14-1
10 082420 SPARKLER SUPERB (V) (B Gordon) P Pritchard 8-10-11 D China 91 14-1
11 0030-43 GOLDORATION (N Upson) P Upson 11-10-10 J Akehurst 87 10-1
12 330-F30 STEAMY (B) (Miss J Reed) D Oughton 5-10-9 H Davies 90 13-2
13 P-0P00U STRETCH OUT (Mrs B Bacon) A Moore 8-10-8 P Howell (7) — —
14 00F40-2 VENETIAN PRINCESS (Mrs J Peel) Mrs J Pitman 3-10-8 G Moore 91 F3-1
16 000/3P0- BROMWICH BOY (P Hedger) P Hedger 6-10-4 P Corrigan 92 —
17 P RENDSLEY GIRL (Mrs L Ingham) A Ingham 7-10-3 H Jenkins (7) — —
18 P03010 NICELY NICELY (B) (J Dennis) P Bowden 5-10-3 R Dennis (4) 87 —
19 00F00-0 TESTING TIMES (CD) (Miss S Waterman) Miss S Waterman 8-10-2 S Waterman 87 —
20 0/FF334 CHESTERFIELD (Miss T Pile) R Curtis 8-10-0 R Goldstein ● 99 —
21 0400-00 MANDRIANO (Mrs P Townsley) Mrs P Townsley 7-10-0 Mr P Townsley 89 —
22 20P30-4 SONG OF CHRISTIE (Dr H Ngan) A Davison 4-10-0 R Posey 88 —
23 P-30303 GREAT OWING (D Hook) A Davison 4-10-0 Penny Ffitch-Heyes 88 —
24 4-0802B SOLSTICE BELL (B) (Mrs H Kilburn) R Voorspuy 4-10-0 M Furlong 89 —
25 300-000 ASCOT AGAIN (B) (Mrs D Ferrett) J P Smith 10-10-0 G Landau (4) 90 —

1985: NIRMAL HRIDAY 7-9-10 D Murphy (11-4 fav) D Wilson 14 ran

1.45 FRANK CUNDELL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,414: 2m 2f 110yd) (7 runners)

1 13P101/ WINGETTS (T Duke) Miss L Bower 10-11-10 R Rowell — 20-1
2 3/34032- TOM TAILOR (CD) (Miss S Thomson) R Armytage 9-11-8 Mr M Armytage (7) 86 F5-2
4 010040- FEARLESS IMP (CD) (J Truman) R Shepherd 11-11-5 D Wells 87 12-1
5 00/2240- OVERSWAY (Mrs S Jones) Mrs D Haine 9-11-8 S Smith Eccles 91 5-1
7 P4F034- BRIGHT MORNING (M Stonor) D Grissell 8-10-12 J Akehurst 96 9-2
8 01F/030- GRATEFUL HEIR (Mrs J O'Brien) N Gaselee 7-10-12 D Browne ● 99 11-4
11 F-U30P4 STRAIGHT LINE (N Wheeler) N Wheeler 13-10-0 Mr N Wheeler 90 8-1

1985: LATIN AMERICAN 8-11-10 R Dunwoody (8-1) T Forster 9 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
R Armytage	7	28	25.0	S Smith Eccles	10	47	21.3
N Henderson	10	41	24.4	E Murphy	7	43	16.3
S Woodman	15	76	19.7	R Dunwoody	17	108	15.7
J Gifford	30	161	18.6	G Moore	14	136	10.3
P Haynes	7	44	15.9	R Rowell	9	90	10.0
A Moore	20	153	13.1	A Madgwick	7	70	10.0

2.15 VINTAGE VUEVE CLICQUOT HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,017: 2m 2f) (10 runners)

1 002141- INLANDER (CD) (J Daniels) J Davies 5-11-10 G Heaver (7) ● 99 5-1
2 P03112/ PARIS NORTH (N Goymer) S Woodman 6-11-5 P Scudamore — 7-1
4 102PP-4 HOT HANDED (CD) (C Nash) C Nash 5-11-0 R Dunwoody 77 6-1
5 4004-00 MEZIARA (B) (B Scott) W R Williams 5-10-6 Mr T Grantham (4) 92 10-1
6 U00133- MISHRIF (CD) (J Bird) A Moore 4-10-4 G Moore 98 10-1
7 20P14-0 NORTHERN HOPE (D Gallyer) G Kindersley 4-10-2 C Brown 93 8-1
8 40/001- WILTSHIRE YEOMAN (J Sawyer) P Hayward 6-10-2 C Mann 86 20-1
9 340-314 SAN CARLOS (CD,BF) (Mrs S Crowe) A Ingham 4-10-1 K Caplen (7) 96 F4-1
10 040-022 THE DIPLOMAT (T Fry) W Kemp 8-10-0 S Shilston 97 5-1
11 F0014-4 MISTER FEATHERS (B) (Mrs M Forde) J S King 5-10-0 S McNeill 90 16-1

1985: No Corresponding race

2.45 KINGHORNS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,987: 3m 2f 110yd) (8 runners)

1 43441-4 LAURENCE RAMBLER (B) (S Tindall) S Mellor 12-11-13 G Landau 88 F5-2
2 444420- NOTRE CHEVAL (Mrs J Morris) J Honeyball 7-11-9 L Harvey 92 6-1
3 2330-20 BRIT (CD) (T Jarvis) W G Turner 7-11-8 C Warren 96 4-1
4 400442- SOUTHDOWN SPIRIT (R Dore) Miss L Bower 10-11-4 G Maw (4) 80 12-1
5 400/13- DENSTON (D Underwood) D Underwood 9-10-8 M Bowlby 95 20-1
7 024143 FINAL CLEAR (Elwell Farm Ltd) J Old 8-10-5 C Llewellyn ● 99 3-1
8 2133/44- OWEN GLENDOWER (Mrs J Spellman) R Holder 9-10-1 B Dowling 98 6-1
10 P-30U33 SQUARE-RIGGED (V) (O Henley) P Butler 9-10-0 M Ahearn — 10-1

1985: BRIT 6-11-1 C Warren (4-1) W G Turner 3 ran

3.15 JAEGER R.N.L.I. NOVICE CHASE (£1,600: 2m 2f 110yd) (8 runners)

1 2-10312 THE ROYAL COMRIE (CD) (Miss N Henton) Miss L Bower 7-11-11 R Rowell ● 99 3-1
2 PF-041F DORNVALLEY LAD (G Bosley) P Pritchard 5-11-7 R Stronge 93 6-1
4 1042F0 CARO WOOD (R Finnis) J Davies 5-11-3 M Furlong 85 10-1
5 11U001- CUMREW (N Harris) R Vigors 6-11-3 C Cox (4) — F2-1
6 P0000/0 FADING DAWN (O Henley) P Butler 9-11-3 G Moore — 33-1
7 FB PERFECT SOLUTION (Mrs S Rowe) P Haynes 6-11-3 A Webb — 10-1
8 00-02FF TEXAS TURKEY (D Wright) D Oughton 6-11-3 H Davies — 8-1
10 0/003PP- EPRYANA (R Bennett) Mrs C Reavey 6-10-12 G McCourt — 12-1

1985: STRETCH OUT 7-11-3 G Moore (10-1) A Moore 11 ran

3.45 EBF NOVICE HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,237: 2m 2f) (17 runners)

1 0P-1310 FIB (CD) (D Adam) N Henderson 4-11-10 S Smith Eccles 91 9-4
2 000P-1 OUR NOBBY (M Madgwick) M Madgwick 4-11-10 A Madgwick 88 5-1
3 00F0-1 PIN'S PRIDE (CD) (Mrs E Pinto) J Gifford 4-11-5 E Murphy ● 99 F7-4
4 F- ARTIC CHIEF (R Hawthorn) T M Jones 5-11-0 G McCourt — —
6 PP0- BETTY'S PEARL (Mrs B Burchett) A Moore 5-11-0 G Moore — —
7 BOLD IMPRESSION (C Glyn) N Gaselee 5-11-0 P Scudamore — 8-1
8 000- CITY SLICKER (P Winkworth) S Mellor 5-11-0 G Landau (4) 88 —
9 HIGH COVERT (G Gregson) G Gregson 6-11-0 Mr T Grantham (4) — —
12 P0- KILMAGAR (D Smith) P Haynes 5-11-0 R J Beggan — —
13 0300P- MISTER CHRISTIAN (D Wright) P Haynes 5-11-0 A Webb 92 —
14 P00P0- MORE ONE WAY (D Heath) R Parker 5-11-0 C Brown — —
15 F0-0 NELSON LAD (Eva Lady Rosebery) Lady Herries 5-11-0 M Kinane — —
19 P0- WRONG RIGHTED (Mrs D Sidebottom) T Forster 5-11-0 H Davies — 13-2
20 P ELIZA HAMBROOK (F Nason) W Kemp 5-10-9 S Shilston — —
21 000- MISS ME NOT (M Trusler) B Wise 4-10-9 R Rowell — —
22 ROSIE OH (P Venner) G Blum 5-10-9 J Barlow — —
24 20P30-4 SONG OF CHRISTIE (Dr H Ngan) A Davison 4-10-9 NON-RUNNER — —

1985: HOT HANDED 4-10-8 R Dunwoody (25-1) C Nash 6 ran

SEDGEFIELD

Selections

By Mandarin

1.30 Pink Sensation. 2.0 Sir Lester. 2.30 *Bartinas Star.* 3.0 Target Man. 3.30 Rovigo. 4.0 DOUGHTY REBEL (nap).

Michael Seely's selection: 3.0 DUNCOMBE PRINCE (nap)

Going: good

1.30 ALEXANDER NOVICE HURDLE (3-Y-O: £548: 2m) (18 runners)

3 CLAWSON THORNS Denys Smith 10-7 C Grant
4 F DUNSEL BOY Mrs S Austin 10-7 R Earnshaw
5 HELEN BOY Ron Thompson 10-7 Jayne Thompson (7)
7 IZZY GUNNER A Robson 10-7 D Dutton
9 MERCIA GOLD P Daly 10-7 Mr K Anderson (7)
10 NORTON WARRIOR M H Easterby 10-7 L Wyer
12 TANCRED SAND Miss S Hall 10-7 M Dwyer
13 F TUMBA K Oliver 10-7 J K Kinane
14 ANGEL DUST K Stone 10-2 A Stringer
15 BEBOP BABY V Hall 10-2 Mr A Orkney
18 JOINT DECISION M H Easterby 10-2 R Marley (7)
19 MEGAN'S MOVE J Jefferson 10-2 M Hill
20 ONLY FLOWER C Thornton 10-2 D Wilkinson
21 OUR MUMSIE N Bycroft 10-2 M Hammond
22 2 PINK SENSATION Mrs G Reveley 10-2 P Niven (4)
23 QUITE POKEY M Ellerby 10-2 M Pepper
24 RUNNING FOR GOLD G Richards 10-2 P Tuck
25 SPRING GARDEN N Chamberlain 10-2 K Jones

10-11 Pink Sensation, 4-1 Norton Warrior, 5-1 Running For Gold, 8-1 Angel Dust, 10-1 Clawson Thorns, 14-1 others.

2.0 RUSHYFORD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£514: 2m) (9)

1 1-P1 KIRKSTYLE (CD) C Pinney 16-11-10 Jayne Thompson
4 2103 PARSONS'S PRIDE K Wingrove 11-11-0 —
5 44/0 CORKER (D) W A Stephenson 10-11-0 T P White
6 0040 SLIEVE BRACKEN (B,D) P A Blockley 10-10-7 N Fearn
8 3402 SIR LESTER J Thomas 10-10-1 —
9 FU-P MASTER CROFT D McCain 9-10-0 A Murphy
10 6-20 NERO WOLF R Juckes 9-10-0 K Ryan
11 6020 MILITARY CROWN Mrs J Carr Evans 9-10-0 L O'Hara
15 PP/P WATCHKNOWE LAD W Young 8-10-0 G Thomson

9-4 Sir Lester, 3-1 Kirkstyle, 4-1 Parson's Pride, 6-1 Corker, 8-1 Slieve Bracken, 10-1 Nero Wolf, 14-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M H Easterby, 13 winners from 67 runners, 19.4%; Denys Smith, 29 from 177, 16.4%; G Richards, 14 from 96, 14.6%; W. A Stephenson, 46 from 323, 14.2%. (Only four qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: R Lamb, 31 winners from 165 rides, 18.9%; G Bradley, 11 from 65, 16.9%; C Grant, 33 from 201, 16.4%; N Doughty, 11 from 93, 11.8%; S Charlton, 12 from 106, 11.3%; P Tuck, 13 from 142, 9.2%.

2.30 OAKLEY MITSUBISHI SHOGUN NOVICE CHASE (£1,334: 2m 4f) (16)

1 20-1 THE WILK W A Stephenson 7-12-3 R Lamb
2 -4PP ANOTHER GEAR W A Stephenson 6-11-5 Mr P Johnson (7)
5 0030 AVIATION SUPPORT J Wade 6-11-5 S Charlton
6 00 BALLYDALY STAR J Wade 9-11-5 K Jones
7 P121 BARTINAS STAR Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-5 M Dwyer
11 0P-P DUN ROLFE N Waggott 6-11-5 Mr T Waggott (7)
14 34F- HISTORIC HOUSE M Ellerby 11-11-5 M Pepper
16 332/ MELHAGEN M H Easterby 8-11-5 L Wyer
18 141- SCOTTISH SIMBIR W Crawford 8-11-5 N Doughty
19 000- SEEVOUABOUND O Brennan 9-11-5 M Brennan
20 1142 TARQOGAN'S BEST (BF) R Peacock 6-11-5 P Tuck
21 0100 VALOROSO N Chamberlain 8-11-5 A Stringer
24 100- EMPIRE WAY R Tate 5-11-4 J Hansen
25 FF0- OAKEN Denys Smith 5-11-4 C Grant
26 0-0P SPEY HAWK A Jarvis 5-11-4 —
28 2F2- PERFECT IMAGE W Storey 6-11-0 D Telfer (7)

11-4 Bartinas Star, 7-2 Scottish Simbir, 9-2 Tarqogan's Best, 6-1 Melhagen, 8-1 The Wilk, 10-1 Historic House.

3.0 NIGHT NURSE TROPHY (£1,984: 3m 600yd) (7)

1 013F TARGET MAN (BF) W A Stephenson 6-12-3 R Lamb
2 220- CASA KNIPE (CD) D Lee 11-11-6 Mr H Brown (7)
3 2P-3 DUNCOMBE PRINCE J Jefferson 7-11-8 N Doughty
5 PP8- COTTAGE LEAS (C) M Ellerby 7-10-9 M Pepper
6 0220 EASTER BRIG G Richards 8-10-8 P Tuck
8 F0-3 NEWSTEAD (CD) V Fairgrave 8-10-7 J K Kinane
10 1034 BROCKHURST LAD Denys Smith 8-10-0 C Grant

3-1 Target Man, 7-2 Easter Brig, 4-1 Duncombe Prince.

3.30 LAWSON NOVICE HURDLE (£548: 2m 4f) (15)

1 0021 CAPE TOWN GIRL M Bowker 4-10-12 C Grant
3 00P/ ARK BIVADER W Storey 7-10-7 Miss F Storey
4 3200 BLACK RIVER M H Easterby 5-10-7 L Wyer
6 00- DEVON DISCOVERY W Crawford 4-10-7 N Doughty
7 FF- FIRMAMENT Mrs C Postlethwaite 6-10-7 M Dwyer
10 0P- PONDERONT A Knowles 6-10-7 NON-RUNNER
13 3220 ROVIGO W A Stephenson 5-10-7 R Lamb
14 09F- RUFF RIDER Mrs S Austin 4-10-7 D Wilkinson
16 3-44 SENOR RAMOS Ron Thompson 4-10-7 G Bradley
20 ANSWER BACK P Beaumont 7-10-2 Miss A Beaumont
21 0P-P COLLY CONE H Fleming 6-10-2 S Youlden (4)
22 200- DOREGO D Lee 7-10-2 G Harker
24 MADE FOR LIFE Mrs G Reveley 4-10-2 P Niven (4)
25 PF-0 PLATINUM BLOND R Carter 5-10-2 S Woods (7)
27 F- THATS A LADY M Ellerby 5-10-2 M Pepper

5-4 Cape Town Girl, 7-2 Rovigo, 9-2 Black River.

4.0 TEESDALE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,133: 2m 4f) (10)

2 022- BOLLIN PALACE M H Easterby 4-11-7 L Wyer
4 22-6 GAINVILLE LAD R Robinson 5-11-1 D Condell
5 3-11 DOUGHTY REBEL (CD) G Richards 5-11-1 (5ex) P Tuck
9 110- TRAVEL HOME (B) M Ellerby 6-10-10 M Pepper
10 1130 MOUNTGEORGE E Alston 8-10-8 —
18 1123 UPTOWN RANDB'S (BF) G Moore 3-10-1 (5ex) M Hammond
19 2422 CLICKHAM LAD N Chamberlain 8-10-0 A Stringer
20 U41P MINATURE MISS W A Stephenson 4-10-0 Mr P Doyle (7)
21 10-9 ANOTHER FLAME W Storey 9-10-0 N MacCormack
22 02-3 BOREHAM DOWN N Bycroft 7-10-0 C Grant

15-8 Doughty Rebel, 11-4 Uptown Randb's, 9-2 Bollin Palace, 8-1 Mountgeorge, 10-1 Boreham Down, 14-1 others.

Yesterday's results

Leicester

Going: good

1.0 (1m 2f) 1, DOCKSIDER (Paul Eddery, 7-2); 2, Asian Cup (G Starkey, 4-6 fav); 3, Banque Privee (R Hills, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11 Just Too Brave (4th), 20 Malin Fleet (5th), 25 Lowers, 50 Bledsoe, Corn N'Oil, Out Yonder, Do-Run-Do (6th). 10 ran. NR: Nihad. 1½l, 7l, 4l, 1½l, ½l. A Stewart at Newmarket. Tote: £4.90; £1.40, £1.00, £2.30. DF: £2.90. CSF: £5.82.

1.30 (6f) 1, BRONZEWING (W Carson, 6-4 fav); 2, Kashapour (R Cochrane, 8-1); 3, Speculate (T Ives, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Belaka (4th), 16 Irenic, Miss Daisy, 20 Green's Picture, 33 Dark Majesty (6th), Johns Last, 50 Erantha, Just Something (5th), Lost Moment, Madame Lumiere, Olive Leaf, Quick Reposte, Royal Meeting, Spanish Melody, The Cross. 18 ran. NR: Daheb. 2l, 3l, ½l, 1l, nk. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £2.80; £1.70, £2.10, £1.60. DF: £10.40. CSF: £13.40.

2.0 (6f) 1, WINNING FORMAT (L Jones, 11-1); 2, Shy Mistress (Julie Bowker, 33-1); 3, Sirtaki Dancer (S Quane, 20-1); 4, Alexanjo (A Flanigan, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5 fav Class Hopper, 8 Quite A Quest, 13-2 Austina, 15-2 Royal Berks (5th), 8 Our Children, 10 Hoboumes Katie, 11 Familie Rosa, 20 Pink N'Perky, Witham Girl, 25 Rich Bitch, 33 Bandyann, Nomad Boxer, Bella Carina (6th), Sly Maid. 18 ran. NR: Commander Meaden. 1l, 1½l, sh hd, ¾l, ½l. P Makin at Marlborough. Tote: £18.50; £3.80, £42.30, £14.10, £2.30. DF: £295.40. CSF: £304.53. Tricast: £5,286.43. Sold D Chapman 1,250 gns.

2.30 (1m 2f) 1, GREENHILLS JOY (P Robinson, 7-1); 2, Grey Salute (W Newnes, 8-1); 3, First Kiss (W Carson, Evens fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Jungle Beat (6th), 10 Kingsfold Flame (4th), 16 Concorde's Demon, Woodlands Crown, 33 Torre de Belem, 50 Lockwood Prince, Everyinchalady, Queen Of Swords (5th). 11 ran. 5l, hd, 1½l, 5l, 1½l. M Ryan at Newmarket. Tote: £7.10; £1.70, £2.80, £1.10. DF: £31.50. CSF: £57.81.

3.0 (1m 4f) 1, CORNELIAN (G Starkey, 5-1); 2, Nikoola Eve (M Birch, 25-1); 3, Formidable Dancer (W Carson, 10-1); 4, Maladhu (A Murray, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 11 Trackers Jewel, 10 Isom Dart, Miller's Tale, 12 Jabaraba (6th), Make A Sharp (5th), Record Wing, Swaakel, Vickstown, 14 Toscana, 16 Dick Knight, 20 Marina Plata, Tonquin, 33 Foche, Rocky's Gal, Silver Prospect, Azelly, Dudley's Star. 21 ran. NR: Nihad. 2½l, 1½l, 2l, 2½l, 1½l. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £7.80; £1.30, £5.90, £3.40, £2.50. DF: £3.10 (1st or 2nd with any other). CSF: £147.34. Tricast: £1,387.85.

3.30 (7f) 1, KAMENSKY (W Carson, 8-1); 2, Kings Victory (M Wigham, 16-1); 3, Lyrical Lover (T Williams, 20-1); 4, Rankstreet (Paul Eddery, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 jt-fav Speedbird (6th), Ibnalmaghith, 8 Saunders Lass, 17-2 Oriental Dream (5th), 10 Highland Lodge, 14 Mendip Star, Musical Bells, Sabotour, 20 Good Point, Susan Henchard, 25 Bolleson, 33 Dandy, Damart, Mr Mumbles, Always A Lady, Riverboat Party. 20 ran. 1½l, 1l, 1½l, sh hd, sh-hd. R Smyth at Epsom. Tote: £12.90; £2.60, £3.90, £7.10, £2.00. DF: £59.40. CSF: £123.13. Tricast: £2,249.03.

4.0 (6f) 1, SANSIYA (A Kimberley, 4-1); 2, Nom de Plume (W Ryan, 8-11 fav); 3, Free Skip (J Williams, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Mortal Sin (5th), 12 Sheldon Mills (4th), 16 Rag Queen, Salinas, 25 Soothing Word, 33 Call For Taylor (6th), Loveable Princess, 50 Anaka, Canebrake Lady, The Victor Girls, Willowtree Girl, Yamrah. 15 ran. NR: Always A Lady. ¾l, 3l, 1l, 6l, 4l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £6.10; £1.80, £1.40, £4.80. DF: £3.80. CSF: £7.23.

Placepot: £58.70.

Folkestone

Going: good

1.0 (6f) 1, RATHER HOMELY (T Quinn, 7-4 fav); 2, Raintree County (A Mackay, 33-1); 3, Coded Message (S Whitworth, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Sarasota, 9-2 Frank The Bank, 11 Bold Mojacques (5th), 14 Highland Laird, Motor Broker, Rose Loubet, 20 Jealous Lover, 25 Soham's Taylor, 33 Madness Not To, Whatta Business (6th), Nairbo Lass, Oh My Joy (4th), Lundy Isle, Miss Lawsuit. 17 ran. NR: Stainsby Girl, Taylor Cares. ½l, 2l, 3l, 1½l, 3l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £2.60; £2.20, £10.00, £5.00. DF: £68.10. CSF: £68.65.

1.30 (6f) 1, MERRYMOLES (R Wernham, 15-2); 2, Comcharm (M Rimmer, 12-1); 3, Fremont Boy (B Rouse, 16-1); 4, Passday (D McKay, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 fav Godstruth, 15-2 Music Review, 9 Gallant Hope (6th), 14 Loft Boy, Madam Muffin, Rosie Dickins, Zullebake, 16 Angels Are Blue, Downsview, Platine, Kings Touch, 20 Thatchville, 25 First Opportunity (5th), 33 Kimble Blue, Wykehamist, Cresta Leap. 20 ran. 1l, 1l, 2½l, 4l, 3l. M McCourt at Wantage. Tote: £14.20; £3.10, £5.90, £3.00, £4.00. DF: £72.80. CSF: £92.43. Tricast: £129.32. After a stewards' inquiry the result stood.

2.0 (6f) 1, SPITZABIT (R Curant, 33-1); 2, In Fat City (M Hills, 7-4 fav); 3, Mused'elle (J Reid, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Bold Intention, 8 Pineapple's Pride (5th), 10 Main Brand, 12 Freddie Ashton (4th), 14 Castillito, Coral Hall, 16 Sauce Of The Sea, 20 Bee Bee Cee, Miss Style, Stars In Motion (6th), 25 Survival Kit, 33 Prince Mac, Danse Arabe, Maylair Doll, Leg Glide, Ring Back, Tullis Water. 20 ran. ½l, 2l, 2½l, 1¼l, 1½l. P Mitchell at Polegate. Tote: £43.70; £21.80, £1.30, £1.60. DF: £103.40. CSF: £101.16.

2.30 (1m 4f) 1, MISS LAURA LEE (A Mackay, 2-1 fav); 2, Mitala Maria (M Hills, 13-2); 3, Primrose Way (J Reid, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Baydon Queen (5th), Vistula (6th), 14 Spring Philtre (4th), Tans Mist, 16 Toda Forca Avanti, 20 Stair's Winnie, Golpher, Kinnington Castle, 25 Olauzzh, Val Prive, Wirral, Tiber Gate. 15 ran. NR: Fire Lord. 2l, 5l, 6l, 1l, 8l. P Felgate at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £3.20; £1.70, £3.80, £3.80. DF: £7.10. CSF: £17.34. Winner bought in for 3,500gns.

3.0 (1m 4f) 1, GALESA (Sara Kelleway, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Precious Link (Mr T Mitchell, 50-1); 3, Glowing Promise (Anne Philips, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 2 jt-fav All Intent, 4 Toms Treasure (6th), 12 Harbour Bazaar (5th), 14 Geryon, 16 Elvire, 33 Baracora (4th), Barbershop Quartet, Resha, 50 Arnab, Loch Laddie, Road To Kells, Sousaga. 15 ran. 3l, 2l, 3l, 4l, 10l. P Kelleway at Newmarket. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £2.20, £2.10. DF: £146.00. CSF: £100.68.

3.30 (1m 2f) 1, MOUNT TUMBLEDOWN (P Cook, 7-1); 2, On To Glory (B Rouse, 7-2 fav); 3, Electropet (A Shoults, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Lady Coombe, 9 Pulsingh, 11 Holly Brown (5th), 12 Head Of School (4th), Musical Youth (6th), Tivian, Tom Forrester, 14 Grumble, 16 Safe Custody, 20 Coastal Plain, 25 Saalib. 14 ran. NR: Nihad. 3l, 1½l, ½l, 4l, ½l. R Hannon at Marlborough. Tote: £7.60; £2.70, £2.20, £2.70. DF: £14.10. CSF: £32.43. Tricast: £140.48.

4.0 (1m 4f) 1, OSRIC (Mr J Ryan, 8-15 fav); 2, Black Diamond (Elaine Burke, 7-1); 3, Molojec (Sharon Murgatroyd, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Shallal (6th), 7 Oryx Minor (4th), 10 Ben's Birdie, 16 The Wooden Hut, 33 The Bully Boy (5th), 50 Just Martin, Bedingham Boy, Ribble Star, Popsi's Pom-Pom, Roberts Flower. 13 ran. NR: Aesculapius, Courageous Charger. sh hd, 10l, 8l, 10l, 10l. M J Ryan at Newmarket. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £2.60, £12.60. DF: £5.40. CSF: £7.11.

Placepot: £45.25

Hexham

Going: good to firm

1.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Fortina Wood (R Lamb, 10-1); 2, Christmas Holly (7-1); 3, Strictly Bacon (10-1). Marcelina Evens fav. 14 ran. 14l, 20l. W A Stephenson. Tote: £38.80; £5.20, £1.50, £4.10. DF (winner or 2nd with any other horse): £1.60. CSF: £85.99.

1.45 (3m ch) 1, Little Frenchman (Mr T Reed, 5-2); 2, Mr Baker (9-2); 3, Clonroche Stream (12-1). Miss Mayo 11-10 fav. 6 ran. 1¾l, 10l. E Robson. Tote: £3.00; £3.10, £1.20. DF: £13.10. CSF: £12.95.

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, Patrick's Star (M Dwyer, 5-6 fav); 2, Fanny Robin (8-1); 3, Debbies Prince (8-1). 12 ran. sh hd, 2l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £2.40; £1.90, £1.60, £1.40. DF: £3.60. CSF: £10.09. No bid.

2.45 (3m ch) 1, Royal Reply (Mr T Reed, 7-1); 2, Sweet Stream (11-1); 3, King Kanda (14-1). Noble Flyer 2-1 fav. 9 ran. NR: Sue's Prince. 8l, 2l. W Reed. Tote: £8.70; £2.00, £2.60, £2.40. DF: £47.40. CSF: £69.85.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, Smokey Gem (M Hammond, 12-1); 2, Pledgdon Green (14-1); 3, Rustic Track (16-1). Northern River 11-4 fav. 17 ran. 12l, 2½l. W Bentley. Tote: £17.40; £4.70, £4.20, £9.10. DF (winner or second with any other horse): £3.00. CSF: £184.19.

3.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, Durham Edition (R Lamb, 8-11 fav); 2, Ivacop (100-30); 3, Slasher (13-2). 4 ran. ¾l, 4l. W A Stephenson. Tote: £2.00; £1.50, £1.10. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.79.

4.15 (2m NH Flat) 1, Regular Threat (R Fahey, 8-11 fav); 2, Weardale (4-1); 3, Feeling Rosey (7-1). 17 ran. NR: Bute Bouquet, Rubadark. 2l, 4l, 3l, 2l, 1l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £2.10, £2.40. DF: £2.40. CSF: £5.12.

Placepot: not won

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BOXING: HARD-HITTING HANDS IN ONE CORNER AND FAST-FLOWING FEET IN THE OTHER

Graham may run (and run) away with it

By Srikumar Sen Boxing Correspondent

Herol Graham

Turned professional: 1978. Record: 36 bouts, 36 wins (19 inside the distance). Total rounds boxed: 230. Age: 27. Weight: 11st 6lb. Height: 5ft 11in. Reach: 75¾in. Chest: normal 39½in, expanded 43½. Neck: 16in. Biceps: 14½. Forearm: 12¾. Fist: 12½. Wrist: 7. Thigh: 22½. Calf: 14¾. Ankle: 8½.

Any British boxing fan knows that of his top two world contenders, Herol Graham, of Sheffield, No. 1, and Mark Kaylor, of West Ham, No. 3, only Graham has a realistic chance of lifting the world middleweight title, be it against Marvin Hagler or Thomas Hearns.

Kaylor would be given no chance of standing up to the big-hitting Americans — only the other day he was floored in the first round by a blown-up light-middleweight, Tony Harrison. Yet no boxing fan is able to say with the same degree of certainty whether Graham or Kaylor will win tonight's European championship at Wembley, the final eliminator for the World Boxing Association title.

Whereas in the world title bout Graham could rely on speed of hand and foot to stay out of trouble, no one is certain what his tactics will be against Kaylor. He could run and run and walk away with a points win, but bore everyone to tears, including American television, or carry the fight to Kaylor and risk getting hurt — even knocked out.

As Brendan Ingle, Graham's trainer, says: "It is an intriguing match between a stand-up fighter like Kaylor and a mobile boxer." Some experts say "Once Kaylor has shown Graham who the guv'nor is, Graham will cave in." Others say "Graham will bomb Kaylor out in five rounds."

Since a world title bout is at stake, one could expect a tactical contest from both men, though only Graham has the temperament to stick to a plan. Kaylor, being a more volatile fighter, is likely to play it by ear — or chin, rather.

No one has really tested Graham's chin because he is too quick on his feet; but Kaylor, with his swamping, bullying style, could be the first man to find out what Graham is made of.

Certainly the West Ham boxer can take heart from the fact that Graham looked nervous against Lindell Holmes and also against the ageing Ayub Kalule in Sheffield last year when caught with the right in the middle round. Kaylor will need no second invitation to pile in should there be any sign of nervousness from the champion.

Inside Kaylor are two fighters: one speaks with Kaylor's bullying tone, the other with, his manager Terry Lawless's cautioning voice. Therefore it is likely that Kaylor will first try to intimidate Graham, then hold and finally put a spurt on for a points win.

Ingle said yesterday: "No way is Kaylor going to be able to hold and fiddle his way to a points win. I have never seen Herol so sharp. He will stick his fist in Kaylor's face until the pressure makes his eyes and ears pop. Everyone is going to be surprised. Herol is going to stand his ground and stop Kaylor any time from the first to the sixth".

Kaylor is not the force he used to be and after his traumatic defeat by Buster Drayton he has not been steady on his feet. If Graham can unleash one of those shots that knocked out Seys (six rounds), Price (first round) and Rabotte (first round), he will also knock out Kaylor.

If, however, Graham decides to box from a distance, it is unlikely that Kaylor will be able to get to him to stop him running away with the points victory. Either way, it does not look Kaylor's night even though last year on Guy Fawkes night he knocked out Errol Christie in eight rounds.

Mark Kaylor

Turned professional: 1980. Record: 35 contests, 32 wins (26 inside the distance). Total rounds boxed: 191. Age: 25. Weight: 11st 6lb. Height: 6ft 1in. Reach: 74. Chest: normal 43, expanded 45. Neck: 16½. Biceps: 14½. Forearm: 13. Fist: 12. Wrist: 8. Thigh: 23. Calf: 12½. Ankle: 8.

Germans clash

Bonn (Reuter) — Jose Varela, the European welterweight champion, will make the first defence of his title in Frankfurt on February 13 against his fellow West German Rene Weller, the former European lightweight champion. Varela, aged 26, won the vacant European title last month when the referee stopped his fight against Brahim Messaoudi, of France, in the fifth round. Weller, aged 33, lost his lightweight title to Bo Gert Jacobsen, of Denmark, in January.

YACHTING

Crusader's win is overshadowed by leadership duel

From Keith Wheatley, Fremantle

Britain has moved up to third place in the hunt for points to qualify for a place in the America's Cup semi-finals. White Crusader's win yesterday over the rapidly-improving Italia gave her 18 points, three behind joint leaders New Zealand and America II.

It was a solid and craftsman-like piece of work by skipper Harold Cudmore to take his yacht to victory by more than two minutes.

White Crusader won an aggressive, feinting start and was never headed thereafter. As a race, however, it was completely overshadowed by the clash between New Zealand and Cup favourites, Stars and Stripes.

It was a day where weather pre-dominated over match-racing. Crews and skippers concentrated on getting their boats round in one piece.

Elsewhere on the racecourse the wild weather was finding its victims. Tom Blackaller, still elated from his win yesterday over Conner, was not amused to find himself trying to drive USA up the third beat two and a half minutes adrift having led round the front half.

Later the explanation came that a genoa had been washed off the deck still attached to the halyard. Towing it slowed the boat enormously. Blackaller refused to cut the line because of the paucity of his sail wardrobe.

On any other day bar the Conner/Dickson clash, America II v French Kiss would have been the race to write home about. The French yacht won the start and led John Kolius round the top mark by 12 seconds. At the bottom the Americans had exactly reversed the difference and they clung on through some spirited Gallic counter-punching over the next six legs.

John Kolius could have been speaking for almost every skipper when he said later: "Our guys did a really good job keeping their composure and toughing it out."

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Canada II (Can) bt Azzurra (It) by 2min 17sec

Heart of America (US) bt Challenge France (Fr) by 1:40

New Zealand (New Zealand) bt Stars and Stripes (US) by 59 secs

America II (US) bt French Kiss (Fr) by 53 secs

White Crusader (GB) bt Italia (It) by 2:04

Eagle (US) bt USA (US) by 3:22

STANDINGS

Challenger series table
After second race, second round

	W	L	Pts
America II (US)	13	1	21
New Zealand (NZ)	13	1	21
White Crusader (GB)	10	4	18
USA (US)	9	5	13
Italia (It)	8	6	12
Stars and Stripes (US)	11	3	11
Canada II (Can)	7	7	11
French Kiss (Fr)	6	8	10
Eagle (US)	5	9	9
Heart of America (US)	4	10	8
Challenge France (Fr)	2	12	2
Azzurra (It)	1	13	1

TODAY'S RACES

Challenge France v Stars and Stripes; USA v French Kiss, Canada II v White Crusader; Heart of America v Italia; America II v Azzurra; New Zealand v Eagle.

SWIMMING

Go-ahead given for Toronto

By Roy Moor

The new, imaginative leadership of British swimming has approved the sending of a national team of 18 to the big Esso International meeting in Toronto from November 28 to 30.

Members of the team are being given the opportunity to decide for themselves the events in which they compete studying the programme planned for the three days.

The squad will take on champions from East and West Germany, Japan, Russia, United States and Canada.

Officials believe the event will provide an ideal opportunity for our leading swimmers to sharpen pace in readiness for the Europa Cup in Malmo 10 days later.

Much rethinking has gone into race planning for British swimmers since the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) appointed David Reeves as secretary, Alan Clarkson as treasurer and Derek Stubbs as director of swimming. The whole winter short-course programme has been shaped to come into line more with events in Europe rather than United States as previously. The policy, it is hoped, will lead to greater interest for the swimmers.

Now that FINA, the controlling body of international swimming have clarified for the British Federation that trust funds are permissable, the ASA wants swimmers to derive full benefit from these opportunities.

The introduction of the trust funds could encourage more competitors to aim for Olympic level when they leave school. It is encouraging to know that something is being done at top level to try and avoid a repeat of the British team's disappointing performance at last summer's world championships in Madrid.

MEN: P Blake (Torquay), K Boyd (Tyneside), J Broughton (Leeds), T Day (Leeds), M Foster (Southend), N Gillingham (Birmingham), T Jones (Walsall), R Lee (Cardiff), R Leishman (Kirkcaldy), A Morhouse (Leeds).
WOMEN: H Bewley (Millfield), L Donnelly (Hamilton), R Gilfillan (Wigan), K Mellor (Norwich), K Read (Stockport), S Smart (Chester), G Stanley (Stockport), C White (Leeds).

TENNIS

Brilliant Becker is set to take over as world champion

From Richard Evans, Paris

After taking successive singles grand prix titles in Sydney, Tokyo and Paris, the 18-year-old West German, Boris Becker, is set to oust Ivan Lendl and become the youngest player ever to be chosen as the International Tennis Federation (ITF) world champion.

On the basis of his ATP ranking and points scored on the 1986 Nabisco bonus-pool leader board, Lendl, a powerhouse machine in his own right, is still out in front. But judged by the evidence of the last three weeks, during which Becker joined John Newcombe as the only player to have won singles titles on three continents in three weeks, the mature West German teenager has the Czech in his sights and is closing fast.

Ion Tiriac, the Romanian-born manager who has been turning his charge into a multi-millionaire with off-court contracts during the past 18 months, is now resigned to the fact that the whole Becker phenomenon has gone into overdrive, and that there is no point in worrying about it.

When Becker burst out of nowhere to win Wimbledon last year at the age of 17, Tiriac, although thrilled, was almost equally appalled. "He's going too fast", he moaned. "He has so much to learn and now we are never going to have time to take him through all the proper stages of development".

Tiriac was right. Occasionally returning to his role of coach to work alongside Becker's full time trainer, Gunther Bosch — a West German national but also Romanian-born — the pair frequently found themselves trying to refine parts of Becker's game between the frantic round of grand prix venues.

Becker would have been even closer to Lendl had it not been for a couple of uncharacteristic slips — in Brussels, where he lost in the first round to the low ranked Australian, Brod Dyke — and in Hamburg seven weeks ago when the pressures of a home crowd cost him another first-round exit against the experienced American, Mel Purcell.

Becker is acutely aware that these kinds of defeat have no place in the record of a world No. 1 and, more than once while facing the press with his customary applomb and good humour at the Paris Open last week, he referred to the need to eliminate this inconsistency before he can seize Lendl's mantle.

Consistency is, indeed, the Czech's great forte, but the fact remains that since he beat Lendl in Chicago in March, Becker has won six grand prix singles titles to Lendl's four — although Lendl leads 2-1 in Grand Slam titles. And Becker has a 3-1 winning record over his rival in head to head meetings. Apart from Chicago, Becker has beaten Lendl at Wimbledon and Sydney, only losing to him at Stratton Mountain the day after he survived match points against John McEnroe.

If, as is possible, Becker could stretch that lead to 5-1 by the end of the Nabisco Masters in December, the ITF panel which sits each year to choose their world champion, irrespective of what the ATP computer has to say about it, will be hard pressed not to nominate Boris as the youngest player ever to be awarded the honour.

In a year that has no Australian Open because of a change in date for the world's fourth Grand Slam, the Masters must take on even greater significance, and victory there would do much to counter Lendl's feat of winning both the French and United States Opens.

Prior to that, there is the possibility of reversing last year's memorable Benson and Hedges final at Wembley should the pair meet again next week — providing Lendl's current injury problems do not prevent him appearing.

The consistency of the past few weeks has been based on Becker's new-found willingness to punish players from the back court, rather than launching all-out attacks on the net, and on an improvement in his backhand slice — a shot that gives him time to govern the pace of rallies.

After beating Lendl 6-0 in the fourth set in Sydney, Becker had to switch from a Plexipave court to the more familiar Supreme carpet in Tokyo, and then to a much slower Supreme court in Paris. Incredibly, for one so young, he took everything in his stride, even the noisy Paris crowds who provided such a stark contrast to the polite Japanese.

"At first it was difficult because they were against me," Becker admitted. "Then I said to myself, this is normal. I am No. 1 seed here, and I am playing a qualifier. But later they appreciated my tennis and that was great".

Naturally he is a tired young man now, but while Bosch studied a Lufthansa timetable and barely prevented himself from nodding off at the back of the press room last Sunday, Becker was still sufficiently alert to comment on the sudden disappearance of his adolescent years.

"It is like I have jumped over the years from 18 to 23, that is how old I feel", he said before adding a little ominously: "I don't want to see the future, the present is hard enough".

The remark was a telling one for it revealed that spiralling success takes its toll. Yet is is typical of Becker that, on his few days off at home in Monte Carlo, his favourite form of relaxation is to climb into his only toy — a souped-up black Mercedes — in the dead of night and roar around the streets, which, once a year, are used for another type of grand prix. And, like the man, as long as the lights are green that accelerator is always flat against the boards.

McEnroe may still come to London

Paris — John McEnroe can no longer earn enough points to qualify for the Nabisco Masters, but he has still not given up all idea of making his first appearance in England since Wimbledon 1985 by playing in the Benson and Hedges championships at Wembley next week (Richard Evans writes).

McEnroe is appealing against the automatic suspension he is facing for having exceeded the $7,500 limit in fines and the process will take too long to prevent him from playing in London, should he wish to do so.

"I still have the possibility of playing Wembley and Houston," he told me, "but I only want to play one, now I can't make the Masters, and as Peter is not going to Houston I could at least play another doubles with him if I went to London."

McEnroe and Peter Fleming won their third doubles title of the year in the Paris Open. It seems certain that McEnroe's suspension will come into effect in time to prevent him from competing in the WCT World Doubles Masters at the Royal Albert Hall in the second week of December (even though he and Fleming could not in any case qualify for the event).

Jubilant: Becker seals his third title in three weeks, beating Sergio Casal in Paris on Sunday

SQUASH RACKETS

Pursuing the great Jahangir

From Colin McQuillan
Toulouse

Jahangir Khan, for five and a half years undefeated as world champion, returns to defend his title here this week knowing that, Ross Norman and Stuart Davenport, the New Zealanders, who are ranked immediately behind him, are now hunting him in earnest.

Norman has pursued the brilliant Pakistani — still only 22 — relentlessly around the world for the past year, winning every tournament ignored by Jahangir and bouncing up aggressively for every other final. At 26 the wiry little blond New Zealander has reached his prime after a bad knee injury sustained in a 1983 parachuting accident, and has always maintained that he could end the phenomenal run of victories if one or two other players drew some of Jahangir's venom with dogged resistance at quarter and semi-final stages.

Davenport actually tested the water earlier than his senior compatriot, once taking a game from Jahangir at the Warrington Masters and often carrying the early rallies of other confrontations with uninhibited front court attack. This exceptionally tall, 24 year-old from Auckland, may not be content this week merely to tease the world champion for the benefit of another finalist.

Having won the US Open from Norman on October 24, Davenport followed that by amassing 10 points against Jahangir last Sunday in the final of the Drakar Noir Canadian Open from which Norman disappeared unusually early at the apparently rejuvenated hands of Hiddy Jahan, of England. Last time he met Jahangir, Davenport played brilliantly at Wembley and scored just one point.

This time the defending champion has drawn Jamie Hicox in the first round and the Surrey-based British under 23 champion is the last player, with his extraordinarily stretching distribution of the action, any player would care to meet with knee problems.

Later in the same half lurk Jahan, Ross Thorne, of Australia, and Geoff Williams, the former British champion, returning this year in electrifying style from his own knee ligament problems.

Bodimead misses Jahangir this time, getting instead an early chance at Philip Kenyon, the current British champion, with Gawain Briars, Davenport and Norman moving threateningly through the bottom quarter.

Today sees the young hopefuls on court in the qualifying rounds of the $55,000 Union des Assurances de Paris event. The huge sponsorship from an insurance company to a nation that now boasts 100,000 players indicates the development of squash in France over recent years.

BASKETBALL

Solent men are on the moody side

By Nicholas Harling

The last thing basketball supporters, neutral or otherwise, probably want just at the moment is the likelihood of a repeat of last year's Prudential National Cup Final between **Polycell Kingston** and **Solent**, who were demoralized by 31 points.

That, however, will be a possibility should Solent capitalize on the injury problems of **Sharp Manchester United**, the league champions, in the first of the Prudential National Cup quarter-finals at Eastleigh tomorrow. With Kingston facing a comfortable-looking tie against **Bracknell** on November 22, last year's two finalists could be heading for the Albert Hall again if they avoid each other in the draw for the semi-finals.

It is not a prospect which unduly concerns Paul Philp, Solent's player-coach, who insists: "On our day we are capable of beating anyone but the trouble is, we've got some moody players. I am trying to work some psychology on them to find out what makes them tick but I haven't found the secret yet."

Solent, like United, were without a Carlsberg League game on Saturday and arranged a friendly at **HomeSpare Bolton**, which they won by three points in double overtime. With 42 points from Roy Lewis, who spent the rest of the weekend in an England training camp in Hertfordshire, Solent made light of the absence of T J Robinson, their devout 6ft 10in American, who was at a conference in Bristol on drug abuse and is so against stimulants that he does not drink tea or coffee, let alone alcohol.

He might even blanch at the sight of Philp getting all wired up for tomorrow's game at the request of Channel 4. The television network wants his comments at time-outs to be included among their edited highlights going out as a special feature on the player who figured in the first National League game (for Crystal Palace) 14 years ago.

Known then as player No. 60 on the registration list. Philp said: "I must be the only player still left with a two-figure registration as I know they're over the 5,000 mark now." Although at 33 he considers that he has a few years left, Philp added pointedly: "I'm still waiting for my gold watch".

United had plenty to spare in their friendly against **Rhondda**, the second division leaders But it was not so much the 40-point margin as the smooth display of Nigel Lloyd, the American recruited, albeit perhaps temporarily, to replace the injured Will Brown, that impressed Joe Whelton, the United coach. "He has added speed to our team," he said. "I didn't wan't someone who would disrupt things, and he won't."

HOCKEY

Hobley on target

By Joyce Whitehead

In the women's county championship matches at the weekend **Middlesex** and **Berkshire** rose as obvious leaders in the south championships. Though **Oxfordshire**'s hockey had much improved, Middlesex were too good for them, but the score was only 2-0.

Against **Hampshire**, Middlesex scored three of their five goals in the first 12 minutes. Berkshire kept their goal intact, beating Hampshire 2-0 on Saturday and Oxfordshire next day 3-0 with Lesley Hobley's name always on the score-sheet.

In the east, **Essex** and **Kent** were well matched and the 1-1 draw came as no surprise. It was **Huntingdonshire** who pressed the attack home and beat **Lincolnshire** 5-1 in Cambridge.

In the west, scoring was high. **Devon** beat **Somerset** 7-1 after having 95 per cent of the play, but Somerset led at half-time. **Avon** had a satisfying afternoon at Yate, beating **Dorset** 6-1. **Herefordshire** can also be proud of their 4-1 victory over **Cornwall**.

Yorkshire, with their vital front row of Parker, Bottomley, Huggen, Jerrard and de Miranda, had three good wins in the north, each 3-1.

RESULTS: Leicestershire 0, Shropshire 0; Leicestershire 5, Darbyshire 0; Bedfordshire 3, Northamptonshire 2; Northamptonshire 2, Worcestershire 2; Bedfordshire 3, Worcestershire 1; Lancashire Central League, 2, Manchester League 1; Lancashire 3, Westmorland 1; Northumberland 1, Sheffield League 1; Yorkshire 3, Durham 1; Yorkshire 3, Northumberland 1; Sheffield League 3; Durham 0.

Gold in New Jersey

Britain's women's hockey team won the USA Classic Tournament in New Jersey by beating South Korea 2-1 in Sunday's gold medal final (Joyce Whitehead writes). This was after a disappointing start when they lost 0-1 to the Americans on the second day.

But after the round robin matches the British women, the Koreans and the United States each had won two and lost one and Britain and South Korea went into the final on goal difference. Wendy Fraser and Moira McLeod (both Scots) scored the goals in the final.

In a practice match prior to the tournament, Britain had beaten the Americans 2-1 so losing to them in the tournament stung. Fortunately ranks were tightened. Miss Fraser fulfilled her much-improved play and scored in both Korean matches. Miss McLeod was on-target and converted two penalty corners while in the Argentine game it was Mary Cheetham and Kate Parker who outwitted the goalkeeper.

RESULTS: Britain 1, South Korea 0; United States 1, Argentina 0; United States 1, Britain 0; South Korea 2, Argentina 0; Britain 2, Argentina 0; South Korea 3, United States 1. Final: Britain 2, South Korea 1. Bronze medal decider: United States 3, Argentina 0.

JUDO

Thrown by expenses

Wolverhampton fought their way into the semi-finals of the European Club championships at the weekend and took themselves one step closer to bankruptcy (Nicolas Soames writes.) The team of seven beat a strong West German side, TSV Munich Grosshadern.

The final score was 5-1 with one draw, and it included three ippons, from Kerrith Brown, the team captain, Densign White, the European lightweight silver medal winner and middleweight, and Elvis Gordon, heavyweight. But the following day, Malcolm Abbott, the club coach, was shocked to discover that the three neutral referees, from Belgium, had notched up a £900 bill for their expenses for the two-day trip.

FOOTBALL: SPANISH CHAMPIONS STAY ON HEELS OF BARCELONA

Real Madrid's warning to Juventus

By Simon O'Hagan

The 4-0 victory **Real Madrid** gained over **Sabadell** in the Spanish League at the weekend represents a psychological blow in their favour as they go into their European Cup second round, second leg tie against **Juventus** tomorrow, particularly bearing in mind that the Italian champions could only draw 0-0 at Como in their league match.

Real's victory was a typically cosmopolitan affair — two goals for the Mexican, Sanchez, one for Valdano, of Argentina, and one for Juanito, the Spanish international. The result puts Real level on points with **Barcelona** at the top of the first division, but trailing them on goal difference.

Barcelona's indifferent form continued with a goalless draw at **Sporting Gijon**, a match which again showed that Lineker and Hughes are not finding the transition to the Spanish game as easy as they might have hoped. Hughes, who scored his first goal for Barcelona last week, was substituted.

There was a similar struggle for goals in the Italian League where none of the top four sides — Juventus among them — could score. Napoli's 0-0 draw at home to **Internazionale**, watched by 80,000, was largely the result of some fine goalkeeping by Inter's Zenga and the fact that the crossbar got in the way of a Maradona free kick. Zenga is fast consolidating his position as the country's top goalkeeper. Juventus lead Napoli by goal difference at the top of the table, so it promises to be quite an occasion when these teams meet in Turin on Sunday.

In France, the power struggle between **Olympique Marseilles** and **Bordeaux** is hotting up. Both have the same number of points and an identical goal difference, but Marseilles, under the former national manager, Michel Hidalgo, lead the table by virtue of having scored more goals. They only just made it there, winning 1-0 against **Nantes** thanks to a last-minute goal by their substitute, Cubaynes. Bordeaux were held 1-1 in their local derby with **Toulouse**.

Racing, like Bordeaux and Marseilles, have attempted to buy their way to success this season, but unlike them, have found the formula is not working. Despite the presence in the Parisian side of the likes of Bossis, Francescoli, of Uruguay, and Littbarski, of West Germany, they were beaten 2-0 at Auxerre and are lying second to bottom in the table.

Only goal difference is separating three clubs at the top of the West German league, **Bayer Leverkusen** leading the way after a 3-0 win at **Bayern Munich** which left the home side in third place. Leverkusen's win was a minor triumph for democracy — Götz, an East German who defected to the West three years ago when he was playing for Dynamo Berlin, scored twice.

Sweden's representatives in the 1987-88 European Cup will be **Malmo**. They beat **AIK Stockholm** 5-2 in the second leg of the play-off to decide the league championship, winning 5-3 on aggregate.

OVERSEAS LEAGUE RESULTS

ARGENTINIAN: Rosario Central 1, Argentinos Juniors 1; Boca Juniors 1, River Plate 0; Ferro Carril Oeste 1, Gimnasia y Esgrima 1; Talleres 1, Unicon 1; Racing Club 1, Temperley 0; Platense 1, San Lorenzo 1; Velez Sarsfield 3, Deportivo Espanol 0; Independiente 1, Deportivo Italiano 0; Racing Cordoba 2, Instituto 0; Estudiantes 1, Newells Old Boys 1.

AUSTRIAN: SC Eisenstadt 1, Linzer ASK 1; FC Tirol 1, Grazer AK 0; Voest Linz 4, Rapid Vienna 3; Austria Vienna 2, Admira Wacker 0; Vienna Sportclub 4, Vienna 1; Sturm Graz 2, Austria Klagenfurt 0. Leading positions: 1, Austria Vienna, played 18, 28pts; 2, Rapid Vienna 18, 25; 3, FC Tirol, 18, 24.

BELGIAN: Cup: FC Liège 3, RC Malines 0; Alost 1, Lierse 1 (Alost won on penalties); Beringen 4, Liedekerke 0; Beerschot 1, Waterschei 2; Waregem 0, Courtrai 0 (Waregem won on penalties); Westerlo 3, Beest 2; Tongres 2, Tirlemont 0; Lokeren 4, RWD Molenbeek 0; FC Bruges 4, France Borains 0; Winterslag 3, Boom 2; FC Malines 2, Antwerp 1; Standard Liège 2, Hasselt 0; St Trond 1, Beveren 3; Seraing 2, Turnhout 0; SC Charleroi 2, Cercle Bruges 2 (Bruges won on penalties); Anderlecht 8, Berchem 0.

BULGARIAN: Trakia 0, Vitocha 1; Akademik 1, Sredets 1; Beroe 1, Dimitrovgrad 0; Slavia 4, Locomotiv Plovdiv 3; Locomotiv Sofia 3, Etar 0; Spartak Varna 1, Sliven 1; Chernomorets 7, Spartak Plaven 1; Pirin 3, Vratsa 3. Leading positions: 1, Vitocha, 12, 19; 2, Sredets, 12, 17; 3, Slavia, 12, 17.

CZECHOSLOVAK: Dynamo Ceske Budejovice 1, Banik Ostrava 0; Slavia Prague 1, Dukla Prague 2; RH Cheb 2, Skoda Pilsen 1; DAC Dunajska Streda 1, Plastika Nitra 0; ZVL Zilina 2, Sigma Olomouc 1; Tatran Presov 6, Spartak Trnava 0; Sparta Prague 3, Dukla Banska Bystrica 1; TJ Vitkovice 2, Bohemians Prague 0. Leading positions: 1, Sparta Prague, 11, 18; 2, Streda 11, 14; 3, Bohemians 11, 14.

DUTCH: Haarlem 0, Excelsior Rotterdam 1; Zwolle 1, Veendam 1; Roda JC 0, PSV Eindhoven 4; FC Groningen 1, Sparta Rotterdam 1; Twente Enschede 1, GA Eagles Deventer 1; FC Den Bosch 3, Fortuna Sittard 1; Feyenoord 2, Ajax 3; FC Utrecht 0, AZ '67 Alkmaar 0; VVV Venlo 1, FC Den Haag 2. Leading positions: 1, Ajax 14, 24; 2, PSV Eindhoven 14, 24; 3, Feyenoord 14, 19.

EAST GERMAN: Magdeburg 3, Stahl Brandenburg 0; Dynamo Berlin 4, Fortschritt Bischofswerda 0; Energie Cottbus 3, Carl-Zeiss Jena 1; Karl-Marx-Stadt 2, Lok Leipzig 1; Dynamo Dresden 2, Stahl Riesa 0; Vorwaerts Frankfurt 1, Wismut Aue 3; Rot-Weiss Erfurt 1, Union Berlin 0. Leading positions: 1, Dynamo Berlin, 9, 14; 2, Lok Leipzig, 9, 13; 3, Karl-Marx-Stadt, 9, 12.

FRENCH: Auxerre 2, Racing Paris 0; Brest 0, Lille 0; Laval 3, Rennes 0; Lens 0, Le Havre 0; Metz 1, Nice 1; Monaco 2, Sochaux 0; Olympique Marseilles 1, Nantes 0; Paris Saint-Germain 0, Nancy 0; Saint Etienne 1, Toulon 0; Toulouse 1, Bordeaux 1. Leading positions: 1, Olympique Marseilles, 15, 22; 2, Bordeaux, 15, 22; 3, Paris Saint-Germain, 15, 19.

GREEK: Panathinaikos 0, PAOK Salonika 0; AEK Athens 0, Olympiakos 1; OFI Crete 3, Aris Salonika 1; Heraklis 1, Apollon 0; Iannina 0, Panionios 0; Doxa 1, Diagoras 1; Ethnikos 4, Veria 1; Kalamaria 0, Larissa 2. Leading positions: 1, OFI Crete, 8, 11; 2, Heraklis 7, 11; 3, PAOK 7, 10.

HUNGARIAN: Honved Budapest 2, MTK-VM 0; Videoton 2, Vasas Budapest 0; Dozsa Ujpest 4, Debrecen 0; Ferencvaros 1, Raba Eto 1; Zalaegerszeg 1, Eger 0; Siofok 0, Dunaujvaros 0; Haladas 1, Pecs 0; Bekescsaba 0, Tatabanya 4. Leading positions: 1, Dozsa Ujpest, 11, 17; 2, MTK-VM, 11, 14; 3, Haladas, 11, 14.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Galway United 0, Limerick City 0; St Patrick's Athletic 2, Cork City 2; Shamrock Rovers 1, Athlone Town 0; Sligo Rovers 1, Home Farm 2; Waterford United 2, Bray Wanderers 0; Dundalk 0, Bohemians 1. Leading positions: 1, Shamrock Rovers, 5, 8; 2, Waterford Utd, 5, 8; 3, Bohemians, 4.

ITALIAN: Brescia 0, Sampdoria 1; Como 0, Juventus 0; Empoli 1, Roma 3; AC Milan 3, Fiorentina 0; Napoli 0, Internazionale 0; Torino 4, Avellino 1; Udinese 3, Ascoli 0; Verona 2, Atalanta 1. Leading positions: 1, Juventus, 8, 12; 2, Napoli, 8, 12; 3, Como, 8, 10.

POLISH: Ruch Chorzow 0, Legia Warszawa 0; Lech Poznan 1, GKS Katowice 4; Pogon Szczecin 2, Gornik Zabrze 2; Widzew Lodz 0, Olimpia Poznan 1; Slask Wroclaw 1, LKS Lodz 0; Lechia Gdansk 0, Polonia Bytom 0; Motor Lublin 1, Gornik Walbrzych 4; Stal Mielec 0, Zaglebie Lubin 0. Leading positions: 1, Gornik Zabrze, 13, 21; 2, GKS Katowice, 13, 20; 3, Slask Wroclaw, 13, 18.

PORTUGUESE: Porto 2, Sporting 0; Benfica 3, Rio Ave 1; Boavista 1, Braga 0; Guimaraes 3, Chaves 1; Varzim 2, Belenenses 1; Farense 1, Academica 2; Elvas 0, Salgueiros 0. Leading positions: 1, Benfica, 9, 16; 2, Porto, 9, 15; 3, Guimaraes, 9, 14.

ROMANIAN: Dynamo Bucharest 3, Arges Pitesti 0; Rapid Bucharest 3, Flacara Moreni 1; SC Bacau 1, Petrolul Ploiesti 1; Universitatea Cluj-Napoca 0, Victoria Bucharest 1; FCM Brasov 4, Otelul Galati 1; Gloria Buzau 2, Corvinul Hunedoara 1; Olt 0, Steaua Bucharest 3; Jiul Petrosani 1, Sportul Studentesc Bucharest 0; Chimia Rm Vilcea 1, Universitatea Craiova 0. Leading positions: 1, Steaua Bucharest, 12, 19; 2, Dynamo Bucharest, 12, 15; 3, Arges Pitesti, 12, 13.

RUSSIAN: Kutaisi 0, Dynamo Moscow 4; Zenit Leningrad 0, Torpedo Moscow 2; Ararat Erevan 2, Dynamo Kiev 2; Dynamo Tbilisi 0, Spartak Moscow 0; Shakhtyor Donetsk 2, Dynamo Minsk 1; Jalgiris Vilnius 1, Kairat Alma Ata 1; Metalist Kharkov 1, Chernomorets Odessa 0; Neftchi Baku 2, Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk 1. Leading positions: 1, Dynamo Moscow, 25, 32; 2, Spartak Moscow, 27, 31; 3, Zenit Leningrad, 26, 29.

SPANISH: Real Madrid 4, Sabadell 0; Las Palmas 3, Santander 2; Athletic Bilbao 3, Atletico Madrid 0; Real Madrid 4, Sabadell 0; Espanol 1, Cadiz 0; Murcia 2, Mallorca 0; Gijon 0, Barcelona 0; Zaragoza 1, Osasuna 0; Betis 1, Real Sociedad 0; Valladolid 1, Sevilla 0. Leading positions: 1, Barcelona, 12, 17; 2, Real Madrid, 12, 17; 3, Espanol 12, 15.

SWEDISH: League championship play-off, second leg: Malmo 5, AIK Stockholm 2 (Malmo win 5-3 on agg). Malmo win league title.

SWISS: Bellinzona 6, La-Chaux-de-Fonds 1; Lausanne 4, Basle 3; Neuchatel Xamax 7, Locarno 2; Servette Geneva 3, Aarau 2; Sion 1, Vevey 1; Wettingen 3, Lucerne 2; Young Boys Berne 1, Grasshoppers Zurich 0; FC Zurich 3, St Gallen 2. Leading positions: 1, Neuchâtel Xamax, 13, 20; 2, Grasshoppers, 13, 19; 3, Sion 13, 18.

WEST GERMAN: Nuremberg 4, Fortuna Düsseldorf 3; Eintracht Frankfurt 2, Waldhof Mannheim 1; Werder Bremen 5, Bayer Uerdingen 1; SV Hamburg 4, Borussia Dortmund 2; Bayern Munich 0, Bayer Leverkusen 3; FC Kaiserslautern 5, Schalke 04 1; FC Cologne 1, Blau Weiss 90 Berlin 1; VFL Bochum 0, FC Homburg 0; Borussia Mönchengladbach 4, VFB Stuttgart 0. Leading positions: 1, Leverkusen, 12, 17; 2, Hamburg, 12, 17; 3, Munich, 12, 17.

YUGOSLAV: Dynamo Vinkovci 4, Radnicki Nis 1; Partizan Belgrade 2, Vardar Skopje 2; Celik Zenica 2, Pristina 1; Buducnost Titograd 1, Sutjeska Niksic 1; Rijeka 2, Osijek 1; Dynamo Zagreb 3, Zeljeznicar Sarajevo 1; Spartak Subotica 1, Velez Mostar 2; Sarajevo 2, Hajduk Split 2; Sloboda Tuzla 2, Red Star Belgrade 2. Leading positions: 1, Vardar, 12, 14; 2, Dynamo Zagreb, 12, 13; 3, Velez, 12, 12.

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday November 8 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION

2 Coventry v Nottm F
1 Everton v Chelsea
1 Leicester v Newcastle
X Man C v A Villa
X Norwich v Tottenham
X Oxford v Man U
2 QPR v Liverpool
1 Sheff W v Sthampton
1 Watford v Charlton
X Wimbledon v Luton

Not on coupons: Arsenal v West Ham.

SECOND DIVISION

2 Birmingham v Oldham
2 Blackburn v Sheff U
X C Palace v Grimsby
1 Derby v Ipswich
1 Huddersfld v Brighton
1 Hull v Stoke
X Millwall v Leeds
1 Portsmouth v Bradford
1 Reading v Barnsley
X Shrewsbury v Plymouth
1 Sunderland v WBA

THIRD DIVISION

1 Blackpool v Rotherham
1 Bolton v Newport
1 Bournemouth v Carlisle
1 Bristol R v Bury
1 Chester v Brentford
2 Fulham v Bristol C
X Mansfield v Swindon
1 Notts Co v Walsall
2 Port Vale v Wigan
1 York v Chesterfield
Not on coupons: Darlington v Middlesbrough; Doncaster v Gillingham (Friday).

FOURTH DIVISION

1 Camb U v Burnley
X Cardiff v Southend
X Crewe v Wrexham
1 Exeter v Peterboro
X Hereford v Lincoln
1 Nthampton v Preston
1 Rochdale v Hartlepool
Not on coupons: Aldershot v Stockport (Sunday); Colchester v Orient (Friday); Scunthorpe v Halifax (Sunday); Torquay v Wolves; Tranmere v Swansea.

VAUXHALL-OPEL PREMIER DIVISION

1 B Stortford v Dulwich
1 Bromley v Walthamstow
1 Croydon v Kingstonian
1 Farnboro v Hitchin
1 Harrow v Carshalton
X Hendon v Bognor

SCOTTISH PREMIER

1 Aberdeen v St Mirren
2 Clydebank v Hearts
1 Dundee U v Dundee
2 Hamilton v Celtic
1 Hibernian v Falkirk
1 Rangers v Motherwell

SCOTTISH FIRST

1 Airdrie v Montrose
2 Clyde v Partick
1 Dumbarton v Morton
X E Fife v Dunfermline
1 Forfar v Brechin
1 Kilmarnock v Q of Sth

SCOTTISH SECOND

2 Arbroath v Queen's Pk
X Ayr v Raith
Not on coupons: Cowdenbeath v Alloa; St Johnstone v E Stirling; Stenhousemuir v Albion; Stirling v Berwick; Stranraer v Meadowbank.

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Norwich, Oxford, Wimbledon, C Palace, Millwall, Shrewsbury, Mansfield, Cardiff, Hereford, Hendon, East Fife, Ayr.
BEST DRAWS: Millwall, Shrewsbury, Mansfield, Hereford, East Fife.
AWAYS: Sheffield United, Wigan, Hearts, Celtic, Queen's Park.

HOMES: Everton, Sheffield Wednesday, Hull, Portsmouth, Blackpool, Bournemouth, Notts County, York, Exeter, Bromley, Farnborough, Rangers.
FIXEDS ODDS: Homes: Everton, Portsmouth, Blackpool, Bournemouth, Rangers. Aways: Wigan, Hearts, Celtic. Draws: Mansfield, Hereford, East Fife.

CRICKET: ATHEY AND SLACK VYING FOR OPENER'S PLACE ALONGSIDE BROAD

England take heart from victory though doubts remain

From a Special Correspondent, Adelaide

England's cricketers leave Adelaide this morning for their second eight-hour journey in five days with much more to be thankful for than to grieve over after yesterday's win over South Australia. But it is unmistakable that problems need solving before the first Test on Friday week in Brisbane.

Following Athey's failure in both innings, the most pressing concern is the first wicket pair. Unless Slack comes off as Broad's partner against Western Australia over the weekend, Gatting, Emburey and Micky Stewart, the tour selectors, will be forced to choose between the lesser of two evils — on the one hand a dogged journeyman who may need an hour's grace to settle, on the other a gifted stroke-player who has a habit of getting himself out after having built the platform for a lengthy innings.

Gatting too needs runs. Since blasting 171 at Bundaberg against modest bowling in the first match of the tour, he has made fewer every innings. At Adelaide his three scoring strokes were boundaries, implying confidence; but, like Gower's in the Queensland match, they may have been a factor in his downfall.

Yesterday, against another moderate attack he had the opportunity of two hours at the crease but risked a hook before giving himself a proper chance to gauge the pitch's pace and was caught at the wicket off a glove. Athey was also caught by Kelly on the leg side attempting to glance a ball which would better have been turned square, or driven off the full width of the bat.

Nevertheless, as this was the first win by an England team in 15 first-class matches since Jamaica were defeated in the West Indies last winter it was a game of some significance. When Botham hit the winning runs 10 minutes before tea, he was ending a sequence which included five defeats by West Indies, one by Barbados, two by India, one by New Zealand, and one by Queensland last week.

Much credit went to Broad, the tall left-hander, who batted for nearly two and a half hours in a state of near exhaustion after the two hottest days of the tour to add 106 with Lamb in the stand that won the match. Never at ease against Sleep, who bowled his leg spin round the wicket to both batsmen, Broad intelligently improved his prospects of survival by negotiating on the back foot, within inches of the stumps, every ball he could not drive.

From England's early position of 23 for two, it was a fine innings in acute discomfort. Lamb, with the exception of a disdainful drive that cost him his wicket in the first innings of the Brisbane game, has been playing with marvellous certainty all tour. Yesterday he never looked like getting out until his mind went blank against Hookes's slow orthodox left-arm, which he hit softly to midwicket. Broad was well caught by Phillips at short mid-on two overs later from a tired shot.

South Australia were theoretically handicapped by an injury to May, their off spinner, who after being lofted twice for four by Lamb thought better of it and retired; but without a spinner of Emburey's class to make the batsmen hurry, they were never in the hunt. It would have been a good game had England's target been 250 in, say, four hours.

● England have named a party of 13 for their 50-overs match against Western Australia Country XI at Kalgoorlie tomorrow. Small, who has a jarred knee, and Whitaker, recovering from a stomach upset, are expected to be the two left out. Both French and Richards, the two wicketkeepers, are in the side, which will be captained by Emburey.

ENGLAND XI (from): B C Broad, W N Slack, D I Gower, C W J Athey, J J Whitaker, P A J DeFreitas, C J Richards, J E Emburey, P H Edmonds, B N French, N A Foster, G R Dilley, G C Small.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: First innings 305 for 8 dec (W B Phillips 116, G A Bishop 67, P R Sleep 66 not out).

Second innings

A M J Hilditch b Botham	7
A S Watson lbw b Dilley	1
W B Phillips c and b Emburey	70
G A Bishop c Edmonds b Emburey	31
*D W Hookes c Richards b Emburey	104
P R Sleep b Emburey	27
†D J Kelly c Gatting b Emburey	5
A K Zesers c Edmonds b Emburey	1
T B A May c Athey b Botham	2
S D H Parkinson c Gatting b Dilley	6
P W Gladigau not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 3, nb 7)	14
Total	269

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-9, 3-54, 4-199, 5-240, 6-256, 7-257, 8-257, 9-265, 10-269.

BOWLING: Dilley 13-2-61-2; Botham 7.1-1-17-2; Emburey 38-11-102-6; Edmonds 36-10-82-0; Gatting 1-1-0-0.

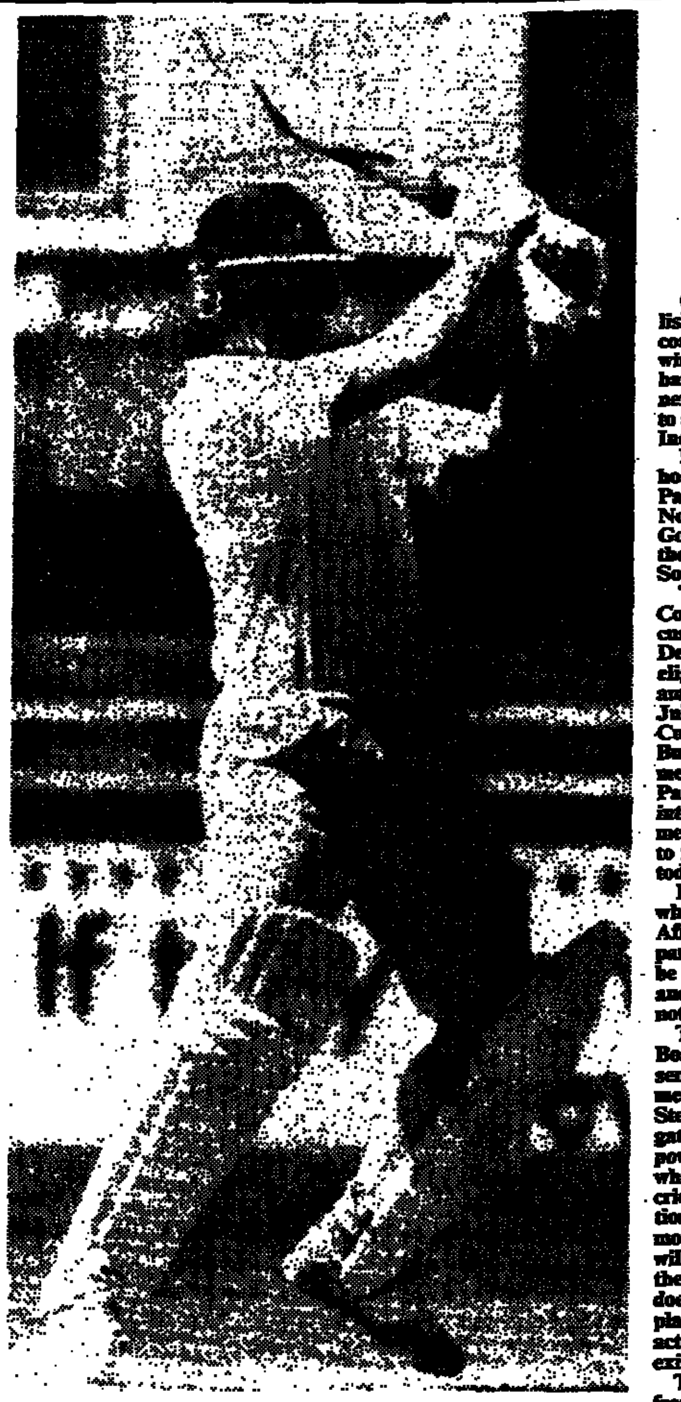
ENGLAND XI: First innings 407 (J J Whitaker 108, A J Lamb 105, I T Botham 70; S D H Parkinson 5 for 87).

Second innings

B C Broad c Phillips b Hookes	63
C W J Athey c Kelly b Gladigau	0
*M W Gatting c Kelly b Gladigau	4
A J Lamb c Sleep b Hookes	55
†C J Richards b Hookes	9
I T Botham not out	19
J E Emburey not out	10
Extras (b 2, lb 2, w 2, nb 1)	9
Total (5 wkts)	169

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-23, 3-129, 4-130, 5-143.

BOWLING: Gladigau 6-2-15-2; Parkinson 7-1-25-0; Zesers 4-0-15-0; Sleep 19-2-38-0; May 1-0-9-0; Hookes 15-5-58-3; Hilditch 1-0-1-0; Watson 0.2-0-4-0.



Hot shot: Lamb stays cool and calm as he collects 55 yesterday

S Africa is still a vexed question

By Paul Martin

Greg Thomas and other English cricketers playing and coaching in South Africa this winter are now unlikely to be banned from participation in next year's World Cup, thanks to a surprisingly moderate West Indian position.

However, intervention by the host Governments, India and Pakistan, cannot be ruled out. Nor has the position of Graham Gooch, and other members of the 1982 rebel English team in South Africa, been resolved yet.

The International Cricket Conference (ICC), which discusses the vexed issue today in Delhi, is to defer any ruling on eligibility of players until the annual meeting in London next July, according to the World Cup chairman, N. K. P. Salve. But he conceded that Government pressure from India and Pakistan would have to be taken into account. India and Pakistan met in Bangalore last weekend to formulate a joint position for today's discussions.

However, a draft resolution on whether players with South African connections may take part in international cricket, to be proposed by the West Indies and supported by Zimbabwe, is not retrospective, he said.

The West Indies Cricket Board have not even bothered to send a delegate to the Delhi meeting, and their secretary, Steve Camacho, said that the gathering does not have the power to change the rules on who can play international cricket. The West Indian resolution at next year's meeting, two months prior to the World Cup, will propose a unified stance on the eligibility question, but he does not expect it to punish players who at the time they acted had conformed with the existing ICC rules.

These prohibit cricketers from playing in "representative" matches in South Africa — as teams from England, Sri Lanka, West Indies and Australia have done — but make no ruling against coaching, or playing in non-representative games. Last season over 70 English professionals went to South Africa.

Mr Salve said the South African visit could cause embarrassment to the players and to world cricket. "The whole matter is in a melting pot, and next July will decide the future course of action", he said. Rafi Nasim, the Pakistan Board secretary, said both cricket bodies would "have to go along with the policy of our respective governments". But he added that the cricket authorities would first draw up their own proposals and "it is wise we discuss with our governments afterwards".

India's premier, Rajiv Gandhi, is head of the non-aligned movement, and neighbouring Bangladesh, along with Zimbabwe, banned the England B team last winter because it contained cricketers who had played in South Africa and appeared on a United Nations blacklist.

England's protests at the time have not allayed fears, expressed notably by the Players' Association secretary, Jack Bannister, that the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) might yield to pressure and exclude controversial selections, or agree to a resolution imposed by the ICC.

Raman Subba Row, the TCCB chairman who is in Delhi, said that England would strongly defend the players' right to spend their winters in South African employment. He conceded, though, that it would be hard for some Test-playing countries to withstand political pressure.

Cowans puts his case

By a Special Correspondent

Norman Cowans, the 25-year-old Middlesex and England fast bowler, last night responded to the critical barrage that greeted him on his premature return from Brisbane, where he was scheduled to have spent the winter playing for a local club, Wests.

Cowans flew home on Friday to tend to his flooded Queensbury home after giving just three hours' notice to Wests. Their captain-coach John Bell — Cowans' host during his three-week stay — somewhat dramatically dubbed the walkout "one of sport's sorriest episodes".

Cowans admitted his naivety in taking up Wests' offer of employment despite the absence of any written agreement, but insisted that he had intended to return to Brisbane after the domestic crisis had been eased.

Bell's threat, however, that his club "would not clear Cowans to play for anyone else until he makes restitution to Wests for all the money that has been spent on him," has made the Jamaican-born Test player think again.

"My fiancée, Sabrina, rang me last week to tell me that my house was flooded, and that made up my mind to come home," said Cowans yesterday. He had hoped that his presence in Australia might work to his advantage in the event of any mishap befalling one of England's fast bowlers.

Bell has pointed out that members of his club had raised money, not only for Cowans' air fare but also for a car, and calculated that £2,000 had been spent on the bowler. Between his three matches for Wests, Cowans worked as a pub doorman while waiting for a promised job in a local sports complex.

Security snag in Lahore

From Richard Streeton, Lahore

The Pakistan cricket authorities are closely watching the present civil unrest and violence in several cities where the West Indies will shortly play. There were shooting incidents here in Lahore at the weekend, five days before the second test starts next Friday.

Ten people were killed and more than 70 treated for bullet wounds in Karachi as ethnic factions clashed. There were also cases of arson and shooting in Hyderabad and curfews were imposed in both places.

The West Indies play a one-day international in Hyderabad on November 18 and the third test starts in Karachi on November 20. Mr Jackie Hendriks, the West Indies manager, said: "These games are some way off and there has been no suggestion yet of revising the itinerary. But I only hope the Pakistan authorities can provide proper security. We are entirely in their hands."

Meanwhile, Pakistan's chances of winning the second one-day international in Gujranwala today receded when it was learnt that Imran Khan, who still has a sore finger after being hit by Marshall in the first test, has withdrawn.

Javed Miandad leads Pakistan, who unexpectedly have dropped their experienced opening batsman, Mudassar Nazar. He failed again when he faced the West Indies at Sahiwal this weekend and is completely out of form.

PAKISTAN (from): Mohsin Khan, Shoaib Mohammad, Ramiz Raja, Javed Miandad (captain), Abdul Qadir, Salim Yousuf (wicketkeeper), Wasim Akram, Tauseef Ahmed, Saleem Jaffer, Manzoor Elahi, Asif Mujtaba and Ejaz Ahmed.

WEST INDIES (from): C G Greenidge, D L Haynes, R B Richardson, I V A Richards (captain), P J L Dujon (wicketkeeper), M D Marshall, R A Harper, A L Logie, W K R Benjamin, A H Gray, B P Patterson, C A Walsh.

ATHLETICS

Suspicion of blood doping remains despite denial of Italian marathon victor

From Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent
New York

Pat Clohessy watched despondently as the man he coaches, Rob de Castella, was left behind at the 20-mile mark by the eventual winner, Gianni Poli, in the New York Marathon on Sunday, and the old Australian murmured: "The Italians are certainly doing something right." A colleague interjected immediately: "Or something wrong."

The suspected "wrong" is blood doping, the process by which a quantity of blood is removed from an athlete and cold stored, while the athlete trains hard and replaces blood. The stored blood is then returned to the athlete, thus giving a surfeit of oxygen-carrying red corpuscles; an advantage in distance running.

The process was first suspected in the early 70s when Lasse Viren, of Finland, won two successive Olympic 5,000/10,000 metres doubles, while performing at a comparatively mediocre level in the interim. Eventually another Finn, Kaarlo Maaninka, admitted that blood doping had helped him win silver and bronze medals at those same distances in the Moscow Olympics in 1980.

Similarly, the evidence against the Italians is not entirely circumstantial, like their having four in the first nine in the men's race here on Sunday and five in the first 16 among the women. This followed their European Championships successes in Stuttgart, with the first three men in the 10,000 metres.

Poli: walkout threat

Only a matter of five years ago they were known athletically as a nation of sprinters and hurdlers. The most famous Italian long distance runner was still Dorando Pietri who collapsed at the end of the 1908 Olympic marathon in London, was helped across the line, and thereby disqualified.

The "aid" of blood doping is not illegal, simply because there is no test to detect it. But it is considered highly unethical. Stefano Mei, the Italian who won the 10,000 metres in Stuttgart, has pointed the finger at Alberto Cova, the world and Olympic 10,000 metres champion, who was second to Mei in Stuttgart. It is an accusation corroborated by a former Italian federation coach, Professor Tordelli.

Orlando Pizzolato, winner of New York in 1984/85, and fourth on Sunday, said here that Tordelli was acting out of spite for being sacked by the federation, "and anyway he was talking about steroids," which in itself is a condemnation, since anabolic steroids are illegal. Tordelli has also named Gabriella Dorio, winner of the women's Olympic 1,500 metres, and Mariano Scartezzini, Italian steeplechase record holder.

When Poli, who won in 2hr 11min 6sec was asked about blood doping at yesterday's winners' press conference, he dismissed the claims on behalf of all Italian athletes, and then threatened to leave if the line of questioning continued.

His coach, Dr Gabriele Rosa pointed out, with much justification, that for 10 years now, the Italian federation has had a planned build-up for distance runners, paying them sufficiently so they need not work, nor be tempted to run too many prize money road races, so that they can "peak" for big races.

But Tordelli's demands for an investigation have been rejected by Dr Primo Nebiolo, who is both president of the Italian federation and of the International Amateur Athletic Federation. The questioning is not going to stop, no matter what threats to walk away or ignore accusations. For the good of those Italian distance runners who are honest, Nebiolo should institute an investigation immediately.

FOOTBALL

Formidable tasks for Scottish teams

By Hugh Taylor

Celtic were defiant, Rangers worried and Dundee United confident as Scotland's three representatives in European competition flew out yesterday on the first stage of formidable assignments.

Although Celtic are well aware that Dynamo Kiev, with whom they drew 1-1 in the first leg of their European Cup tie at Parkhead, are firm favourites to go through to the next round, David Hay, the manager, insisted that his team still have a future in Europe.

"It appears that everyone expects the great Kiev — and they are a wonderful team — to win," he said. "But that is everyone except us."

He added: "Of course, it is going to be difficult, but don't forget that Celtic have a great cup fighting tradition and as much pride as any club in Europe."

Dynamo, however, will be even stronger with Blokhin, their international winger, back in action and Celtic must play with more resolution in defence if they are to achieve what, with respect to Hay, would be one of the best results even in their long and distinguished history.

Celtic will be unable to name a side until McInally, their robust attacker who missed the match with Rangers because of a virus, passes a fitness test.

Rangers travel to Portugal for their UEFA Cup tie with Boavista in Oporto leading by 2-1, but with mounting worries about injuries.

Four of their most important players were considered doubtful and only Durrant of a quartet completed by Souness, Cooper and Ferguson was confident of playing in what will be a tense match against opponents apparently still incensed with what they described as "violent play" by Rangers at Ibrox. Rangers, however, are playing such stylish football that they should return undefeated.

Dundee United hold a 3-0 advantage over University Craiova in their UEFA Cup tie and they feel they can go through to the next round even though they may play in Romania without their outstanding central defensive partnership of Narey and Hegerty who are injured.

Perryman looks ahead

Oxford United have given Steve Perryman, aged 34, permission to have talks with Brentford, who want him as a player and assistant manager. The former Tottenham Hotspur skipper, who moved to Manor Road in April and was appointed captain at the start of the season, has lost his first team place. Maurice Evans, the Oxford manager, has told him he will not stand in his way if he wants a move.

Evans said: "I think that Steve can become a very good manager and he will benefit from starting at a lower division club."

● Watford will have further talks with the Manchester United forward Terry Gibson over his proposed £300,000 transfer to Vicarage Road. Graham Taylor, the Watford manager, said: "We're still in the process of talking and negotiation."

Meanwhile, Watford have the Finnish international defender Esa Pekonen on a three-week trial at Vicarage Road.

● Phil Greaves will today travel from his job as a miner on the coal face at Markham Colliery to play for Chesterfield against Fulham only two days after joining the third division club on a part-time contract. Greaves, a winger, aged 25, was signed from non-league club Alfreton Town and was immediately named in Chesterfield's squad for their third division game.

●Fourth division Scunthorpe United have signed the forward Ian Richardson from Chester, for £15,000, the same amount that he cost Chester from Watford 18 months ago.

FA Trophy draw

THIRD QUALIFYING ROUND: Macclesfield v Grantham; Gainsborough v Matlock; Hyde United v Mossley; Newcastle Blue Star v Alfreton; Tow Law or Worksop v Rhyl; Hednesford v Morecambe; Horwich RMI or Consett v Leek; Barrow v North Shields; Whitby v Southport; Blyth Spartans v South Liverpool; Whitley Bay v Goole; Bedlington Terriers v Crook; Barking v Croydon; King's Lynn v Nuneaton; Aylesbury v Leicester United; Wembley v Crawley; Willenhall v Ashford; Hitchin v Carshalton; Staines or Bromley v Boreham Wood or Stevenage; Alvechurch v St Albans; Leatherhead v Dudley or Shepshed Charterhouse; Leamington or VS Rugby v Oxford City or Cambridge City; Corby v Fisher; Slough v Tooting and Mitcham; Canterbury v Harrow; Grays v Dulwich Hamlet; Trowbridge v Maidenhead; Merthyr Tydfil v Windsor and Eton; Fareham v Farnborough; Basingstoke v Weston-Super-Mare; Wokingham v Ton Pentre or Dorchester; Bridgend v Saltash. Matches to be played on November 22.

Leaderless United set to slip

By Clive White

Manchester United's season of despair is poised to take another downward turn tonight in their Littlewoods Cup third-round replay at the Dell where they will be without the inspirational Bryan Robson, and possibly Strachan and Sivabaek.

Elimination by Southampton from this potentially lucrative competition will leave United with precious little to recoup from the season. Their hopes of league championship riches have surely long since passed, positioned as they are at 19th in the table.

The disruption, never mind the loss, caused by injuries is the last thing Ron Atkinson, their manager, needs now as he tries to inject some self-confidence and fire back into a side who have not won away in the League all season. Strachan, like Robson, has a hamstring strain and his absence could leave United without much invention in midfield.

Moses will take over from Robson, and Gibson could be given a rare outing in place of the little Scot. Duxbury is the obvious replacement for Sivabaek, who has a thigh injury. Southampton have doubts about their forwards Clarke, who scored his 12th goal of the season on Saturday, and Wallace.

Aston Villa tell quite a different story since their early season depression. Beaten just once since the arrival of Billy McNeill five weeks ago, their casualty problems get better by the day. For the replay against Derby County at Villa Park, McNeill actually has a choice at centre half, where before availability dictated. Elliott has now served a three-match suspension, and Birch is fit after missing Saturday's defeat of Leicester City.

Brian Clough, whose Nottingham Forest side play Crystal Palace in another replay tomorrow, is considering recalling Fleming, Campbell and Metgod.

Record netted

Moscow (Reuter) — The veteran forward, Oleg Blokhin, has become the first Soviet soccer player to score 300 goals, the official Soviet news agency Tass said yesterday. Blokhin, aged 34, took his international and club tally to the 300 mark by scoring in Dynamo Kiev's 5-0 victory over Torpedo Kutaisi

BOWLS

Wood rolls in for a slice of the silver

By a Special Correspondent

For years indoor bowls was a makeshift winter substitute for Drake's summer lawn game. It is a substitute no longer. These days, judging by monetary criteria alone, bowls played under cover, on carpets of man-made fibre, is serious business. Prize-money at the Preston Guild Hall (where the UK CIS singles is being played) amounts to £28,600.

Rolling up for a slice of the money cake, Willie Wood (Scotland) and David Hamilton (Ireland) hid their aggressive ambition under the accustomed veneer of gentlemanly etiquette. Wood is a self-employed motor mechanic from Gifford, near Edinburgh, and has a world reputation based on his Commonwealth Games gold medal in 1982 and world silver in 1984. Hamilton is a happy-go-lucky Belfast maths teacher with a keen sense of humour.

Neither his adroitness with figures nor his wit helped Hamilton as Wood, dour and determined, motored to victory in two straight sets, finishing the game with a fortunate flick for two shots. Wood, who draws well but is most dangerous when striking, will play Tony Allcock, the world champion, in the second round.

The clash between John Fullarton (Scotland) and Steve Rees (Wales) was only the fourth out of 13 first-round matches to require a third set. Fullarton appeared to be in command, having won the first set 7-4. On the green this Scotsman is hardly famous for his generosity but he gave the second set away when he took out his own bowl. It was an expensive mistake.

Rees, the British junior champion, cheerfully accepted the gift, gained visibly in confidence and stepped up his game.

FIRST ROUND: W Wood (Scot) bt D Hamilton (Ire) 7-4, 7-6; S Rees (Wales) bt J Fullarton (Scot) 4-7, 7-5, 7-1.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Australians are just the ticket

By Keith Macklin

While Australia have to reshuffle their pack for Saturday's international at Elland Road, owing to the dislocated shoulder of Steve Roach, their front-row forward, Great Britain have a fully fit squad, which will be announced this morning.

Tomorrow the Britons will train at Elland Road before moving to their training camp at Shaw Hill Country Club, Chorley. Maurice Bamford, their coach, has stated that he will choose from the 17 players who trained for the first international at Old Trafford, which Australia won 38-16.

An attendance of 35,000 or more is expected for the game after the record 50,000 at Old Trafford. David Howes, the League's public relations officer, said: "We have already sold more than 13,000 seats. It's obvious that the Australian performance at Old Trafford has fired everyone's imagination and inquiries for tickets have come from throughout the British Isles."

Tonight Oldham become the latest club to be chosen as sacrificial lambs for the unbeaten visitors. They will face their second string, which will give Oldham little comfort, since the "reserves" seem as powerful and fast as the first team. Oldham will have David Topliss, their experienced stand-off half, back in action.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

HARROW: Marathon: 1, C Moxsom (Haringey), 2hr 27min 03sec; 2, C Walker (London Road Runners), 2:28.26; 3, P Mason (Tonbridge), 2:28.35. Team: Dunstable Road Runners. Women: K Bowler (Hailsham), 3:1.01.

SALISBURY: Road race (15m): 1, A Girling (Invicta East Kent), 1hr 18min 02sec; 2, J Boyes (Bournemouth), 1:18.07; 3, M Crowell (Bridgend), 1:19.00. Team: 1, Bournemouth, 17pts; 2, Bridgend, 23; 3, Bournemouth B, 82. Veterans: J Boulton (Weymouth), 1:23.48. Women: S Collier (Lordshill), 1:31.01 (course record).

BRACKNELL: Road race (10m): 1, D Carr (WG), 50min 29sec (course record); 2, C Taylor (Burnham Joggers), 50.29sec; 3, O Foote (Belgrave), 59.01. Team: 1, Bracknell, 22pts; 2, Aldershot, 32; 3, Bracknell B, 69. Veterans: M Duff (Aldershot), 52.43. Women: N Blackwood (Aldershot), 64.19.

SEVENOAKS: Kent women's cross-country league: (5,000m/3m): 1, A Wittelsind (Dartford), 19min 49sec; 2, J Fraser (Invicta East Kent), 20.48; 3, H Conb (Medway), 21.08. Team: Invicta East Kent, 14pts.

BEDFORD: Ampthill cross-country: Men's 5 miles: 1, C Hensby (Woking), 27min 16sec; 2, D Mead (Thetford), 27.36; 3, K Miller (Corby), 28.23. Team: Cambridge University, 26pts. Women's 2½ miles: 1, L Dewhurst (Milton Keynes), 18min 59 sec. 2, S Jordan (Luton), 19.36; 3, S Cox (Peterborough), 19.50. Team: Luton, 38pts.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Birmingham Bullets 89 (Hays 27, Shoulders 23, Branch 15), BCP London 94 (Kellybrew 23, Roberts 23, Bett 20); Hemel/Watford Royals 108 (Knuckles 37, Keenan 23, Hale 21), BPCC Rams Derby 95 (Coe 31, Ellis 27, Maher 17); Portsmouth 114 (Cunningham 29, Moore 22, Irish 20), Calderdale Explorers 90 (Blunt 19, Johnson 18, Findlay 18); Reg Vardy Sunderland 94 (McCray 28, Lynch 28, Saunders 20), Team Polycell Kingston 113 (Bontrager 28, Davis 23, Clarke 21).

NORTH AMERICA: National Association (NBA): Atlanta Hawks 122, Philadelphia 76ers 113; Chicago Bulls 94, Cleveland Cavaliers 89.

CRICKET

BRISBANE: Sheffield Shield: Tasmania 526 and 133 for 5. Queensland 484 (G Trimble 115, R Kerr 88; Milosz 6 for 153). Match drawn.

CYCLING

VALPARAISO: Tour of Chile: 12th (Final) stage: 1, A Solagna (It) 3hr 31.58min (incl time bonus); 2, J Brettl (Chile), 3:32.10 (incl bonus); 3, P Tormen (Chile), 3:32.15. Mountain section: 1, J Alonso (Sp), 20pts; 2, D Naveas (Chile), 17 pts; 3, G Saviao (Braz), 12pt. Final positions: 1, J Hernandez (Col), 43hr 04min 39sec; 2, G Saviao (Braz), 43:05.12; 3, W Magalhaes (Braz), 43:05.32; 4, E Cuevas (Chile), 43:05.52; 5, F Vera (Chile), 43:08.42. Team positions: 1, Brazil, 129hr 22min 03sec; 2, Record A, 129:28.03; 3, Argentina 129:27.04; 4, Italy 129:29.11; 5, Cristal 2, 129:30.23

MADRID: Six-day race (fourth day): 1, R Hermann and S Hermann (Lich), 104pts; 2, J Muller and S Joho (Switz), 78; 3, R Pinjen (Neth) and P Ruiz Cabestany (Sp), 54; 4, E de Wilde and S Tourne (Bel), 22. One lap behind: 5, G Knetemann (Neth) and J Recio (Sp), 12. Two laps behind: 6, C Mottet and A Bondue (Fr), 37. Three laps behind: 7, A Peres and M Umali (Sp), 33. Four laps behind: 8, A Lekuona and J Viamajo (Sp), 58. Five laps behind: 9, C Moreda (Sp) and H Oerstd (Den), 28; 10, J Kristen (WG) and A Ackermann (Switz), 28.

GRENOBLE: Six day race (fifth day): 1, B Vallet (Fr) and G Frank (Den), 268pts; 2, F Moser (It) and T Doyle (GB), 186. At one lap: 3, G Bontempi and P Bincoletto (It), 313. At two laps: 4, D Gisiger (Switz) and M Marcussen (Den), 118. At three laps: 5, M Vaarten (Bel) and M Bidinost (It), 182.

GRENOBLE: Five kilometre indoor race: 1, J Longo (Fr), 6min 22.713sec (new world record).

GOLF

WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus), 1,231pts; 2, S Ballesteros (Sp), 1,033; B Langer (WG), 1,033; 4, Tsuneyuki Nakajima (Japan), 752; 5, S Lyle (Scot), 608; 6, M O'Meara (US), 592; 7, C Strange (US), 577; 8, H Sutton (US), 572; 9, P Stewart (US), 548; 10, T Watson (US), 540.

HOCKEY

U-21 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Essex 1, Lincolnshire 0; Kent 2, Middlesex 0; Sussex 2, Oxfordshire 1.

COURAGE KENT CUP – Preliminary Round: Medway 5, Britannic House 1.

SURREY CUP – First Round: Barclays Bank 5, Horley 2; Croydon MO 0, Cheam 4; Epsom 2, Weybridge Hawks 3; Old Midwhitgiftians 4, Bank of England 2; Walton on Thames 2, Spencer 6.

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Cambridge University 7, Hampstead 0; Slough 1, Guildford 2.

McEWAN'S LAGER SOUTH LEAGUE: Berks and Oxon area: First division: Sonning 1, Pressed Steel 0. Surrey area: First division: Raynes Park 3, Kenley 0.

CLUB MATCH: Loughborough Univ 0, Army 4.

SURREY CUP – Second Round: Oxted 1, Wimbledon 2.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Army Under-21 2, Bucks Under-21 1.

GWENT CUP: Final: UC Cardiff 7, Newport 5 (Cardiff win on penalty strokes).

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Buffalo Sabres 7, Boston Bruins 1; St Louis Blues 7, Chicago Blackhawks 3; Winnipeg Jets 5, New York Rangers 4 (in OT); Quebec Nordiques 3, Hartford Whalers 3 (in OT); Edmonton Oilers 5, Los Angeles Kings 5 (in OT); Montreal Canadiens 5, Vancouver Canucks 3.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS RESULTS: Bishop Vesey's 30, Kings Canterbury 7; Durham 16, Sevenoaks 6; Felsted 9, Campion 15; Guildford RGS 17, Wimbledon College 18; Kent College 20, Chislehurst Sidcup 0; King Henry VIII, Coventry 33, Old Swinford Hospital 9; King Edward's, Lichfield 4, Newcastle-under-Lyme 46; King's, Rochester 17, Chatham House 6; King's, Taunton 29, Wellington Somerset 0; Leeds GS 10, Welbeck 4; Maidstone GS 46, Rochester Math 0; Newcastle RGS 12, Silcoates 7; St Georges Weybridge 7, Tiffin 12; St Josephs Blackheath 0, Dartford 10; St Ives Colts 36, Bishops Douglas 10; Truro 24, Bodmin 17; Wallington High School 12, London Oratory 17. 18 Group: Cornwall 13, Pembrokeshire 8. 16 Group: Bristol 0, Cornwall 16.

NETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Surrey 38, Birmingham 48; Hertfordshire 34, Coventry 34; Essex Met 36, Bedfordshire 35; South Staffordshire 39, Middlesex 48.

SNOOKER

SOLIHULL: Dulux British open: Second round: M Wildman (Eng) bt D Chalmers (Eng), 5-0; G Cripsey (Eng) bt P Watchorn (Ire), 5-4; K Owers (Eng) bt F Davis (Eng), 5-3; R Chaperon (Can) bt M Fisher (Eng), 5-2; S James (Eng) bt G Miles (Eng), 5-2; J Spencer (Eng) bt T Whitbread (Eng), 5-3; G Scott (Eng) bt P Burke (Rep of Ire), 5-2; T Drago (Malta) bt B Oliver (Eng), 5-1.

SQUASH RACKETS

TORONTO: Squash international of Canada: Final: Jahangir Khan bt Davenport 9-6, 9-2, 9-2.

WORLD RANKINGS: Men: 1, Jahangir Khan (Pak); 2, R Norman (NZ); 3, S Davenport (NZ); 4, R Thorne (Aus); 5, G Briars (Eng); 6, Q Zaman (Pak); 7, P Kenyon (Eng); 8, Hiddy Jahan (Eng); 9, G Brumby (Aus); 10, K Smith (Aus); 11, T Nancarrow (Aus); 12, G Williams (Eng).

DURHAM: Inter-county championship: Premier group: Durham 4, West of Scotland 1; Lancashire 3, Surrey 2; Surrey 4, Durham 1; Lancashire 5, West of Scotland 0; Lancashire 5, Durham 0; Surrey 3, West of Scotland 2. Lancashire and Surrey qualify for semi-finals.

SWIMMING

NUNEATON: Esso inter-county competition: Finalists: Yorkshire, Warwickshire, Norfolk, Devon, Essex, Kent.

YACHTING

LYMINGTON: Allied Lyons Solent circuit: Third race: Class 7: 1, Smoky 3 (T Blachford); 2, Jungle (Mr and Mrs Stock); 3, Misty Star (M H Corbin).

EQUESTRIANISM

LANDOVER: Washington international horse show: Puissance: 1, Famer, A Bell (Can); Aramis, B Brown (US), 2.18m. 3, Wellington, H Graham (Canada); Raffles Apollo, N Skelton (GB); April Sun, P Charles (GB); Montreal, Miss A Kursinski (US); Joe, P Leone (US); Kashmire III, T Rudd (US); Forever, Barney Ward (US). Team: 1, Great Britain, United States, 36pts; 3, Canada, 35. International riders: 1, Skelton, 14pts; 2, Graham, 11. National riders: 1, Leone, 14; 2, Brown, 13.

TENNIS

INDIANAPOLIS: Women's tournament: Singles final: Z Garrison (US) bt M Gurney (US), 6-3, 6-3. Doubles final: Z Garrison and L McNeil (US) bt C Reynolds (US) and A Smith (US), 5-4 retired.

LONDON: Queen's Club: LTA women's indoor circuit tournament: Singles: First round: S Reeves (Kent) bt L Gould (Essex), 6-0, 4-6, 6-1; C Dahlman (Swe) bt C Calmette (Fr), 6-4, 6-1; R Rajchrtova (Cz) bt D Ketelaar (Neth), 6-3, 6-3; M Pawlik (WG) bt C Stolt (Yugo), 6-3, 6-4; E Ekblom (Swe) bt C Wood (Sussex), 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; R Bielsa (Sp) bt K Quentrec (Fr), 6-3, 6-2; P Tesarova (Cz) bt T Blumentritt (US), 6-3, 6-2; S Schilder (Switz) bt C Hofmann (WG), 6-4, 7-5; K Rickett (Warwicks) bt S Sullivan (Essex), 7-6, 6-7, 6-3; J Louis (Devon) bt H Sprung (Aus), 2-6, 6-0, 6-3; B Borneo (Bucks) bt C Bateman (Essex), 6-2, 6-1; J Tacon (Norfolk) bt J Salmon (Sussex), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

ATP RANKINGS: Singles: 1, I Lendl (Cz); 2, B Becker (WG); 3, S Edberg (Swe); 4, M Wilander (Swe); 5, H Leconte (Fr); 6, Y Noah (Fr); 7, J Connors (US); 8, J Nystrom (Swe); 9, M Mecir (Cz); 10, J McEnroe (US); 11, A Gomez (Ecu); 12, M Pernfors (Swe); 13, B Gilbert (US); 14, T Mayotte (US); 15, K Carlsson (Swe); 16, M Jaite (Sp); 17, A Jarryd (Swe); 18, E Sanchez (Sp); 19, K Curren (US); 20, T Tulasne (Fr); 21, G Vilas (Arg); 22, J Kriek (US); 23, A Krickstein (US); 24, D Pate (US); 25, J Hlasek (Switz); 26, U Stenlund (Swe); 27, R Seguso (US); 28, J Svensson (Swe); 29, M Srejber (Cz); 30, A Chesnokov (USSR).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Today League

Third division

Brentford v Notts County (7.45)
Bristol C v Mansfield (7.45)
Bury v Darlington
Carlisle Utd v Port Vale
Chesterfield v Fulham
Gillingham v Blackpool
Middlesbrough v Bolton W
Newport v York
Rotherham v Chester
Swindon v Bristol R (7.45)
Walsall v Bournemouth
Wigan v Doncaster (7.45)

Fourth division

Burnley v Colchester Utd
Halifax v Exeter
Hartlepool v Torquay
Lincoln v Crewe
Orient v Northampton
Preston v Cardiff
Southend v Scunthorpe
Swansea v Cambridge
Wolverhampton v Rochdale

Full Members' Cup
First round

Shrewsbury v Reading

Second round

Blackburn v Sheffield Utd
Bradford v Sunderland
Charlton v Birmingham (7.45)
Manchester City v Wimbledon
Norwich v Coventry
Portsmouth v Millwall

Littlewoods Cup
Third round replays

Aston Villa v Derby
Southampton v Manchester Utd

UEFA Cup
Second round, second leg

Boavista (Por) (1) v Rangers (2) (9.0)
Bayer Leverkusen (WG) (0) v Dukla Prague (0) (6.30)

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Fulham v Reading (1.30).

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool v Hull (7.0); Manchester United v Coventry.

FA TROPHY: Second qualifying round, replays: Bromley v Staines; Dorchester v Ton Pentre.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Stafford v Northwich.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup: First round replay: Oxford City v Tilbury. Premier division: Barking v Bishop's Stortford; Carshalton v Kingstonian; Harrow v St Albans; Hitchin v Hendon; Slough v Windsor and Eton; Tooting and Mitcham v Bromley; Worthing v Farnborough; Wycombe v Hayes. First division: Bracknell v Staines; Hampton v Leytonstone/Ilford; Southwick v Epsom and E. Second division north: Hemel Hempstead v Tring; Rainham v Ware; Saffron Walden v Wolverton. Second division south: Dorking v Eastbourne; Marlow v Chertsey; Newbury v Ruislip.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: GM Acceptance Corporation Cup: Qualifying round: Replay: Witney v Folkestone. Midland division: Buckingham v Moor Green; Halesowen v Sutton Coldfield. Southern division: Andover v Trowbridge; Corinthian v Burnham and Hillingdon. Bill Dellow Cup: First round: Dover v Thanet; Fisher v Sheppey.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE: League cup: Plymouth Argyle v Liskeard; Clandown v Minehead.

NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Baldock v Wootton.

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Colchester United v Sudbury; Ely City v Newmarket; Gorleston v Thetford; Harwich and P v Felixstowe; Soham Town Rangers v Lowestoft; Watton v Great Yarmouth.

CAPITAL LEAGUE: Barnet v Enfield.

KNIGHT FLOODLIT COMPETITION: Harlow v Stansted.

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Enfield v Crystal Palace.

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: Second round: Colchester United v Arsenal.

OTHER MATCH: Tottenham Hotspur v SV Hamburg (7.45).

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Leicester v Fiji Barbarians (7.15).

THORN EMI COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Midland Group: Semi-final: Warwickshire v Leicestershire (at Coventry, 7.15).

CLUB MATCHES: Bristol v Stroud (7.15); Exeter v Devonport Services; Headingley v Roundhay (7.15); Penarth v Maesteg (7.0); Pontypridd v Newport (7.15).

RUGBY LEAGUE

TOUR MATCH: Oldham v Australians.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: CIS UK singles championships (at Preston).

BOXING: European middleweight championship: Herol Graham v Mark Kaylor (Wembley).

TENNIS: LTA women's indoor tournament (at Queen's Club, London).

SNOOKER: Dulux British Open qualifying tournament (at Conference Centre, Solihull).

Scottish Cup draw

FIRST ROUND: Peterhead v East Stirlingshire; Ayr v Annan; Stirling Albion v Cowdenbeath; Albion Rovers v Arbroath; Forres Mechanics v Berwick; Inverness Caledonian v Alloa. Ties to be played on Saturday December 6.

SECOND ROUND: Stirling or Cowdenbeath v Meadowbank Thistle; Raith v Vale of Leithen; Rothes v Peterhead or East Stirling; St Johnstone v Queen's Park; Albion or Arbroath v Whitehill Welfare; Stenhousemuir v Forres Mechanics or Berwick; Inverness Caledonian or Alloa v Spartans; Stranraer v Ayr or Annan. Ties to be played on Saturday January 10.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

The awful secrets of the last sitting

CHOICE

● **Death Row — A One-Woman Band** (ITV, 10.30pm) takes up only half of this month's *First Tuesday*. And you should consider yourself lucky that it doesn't take up the whole of it. Flesh and blood can only stand up to so much information about the process of death in the electric chair. The remedy, of course, for any viewer who just can't take it, is to switch to another channel. Thank God we have the option. For the doomed creature who is strapped into the chair, waiting for the deadly helmet to be lowered on to its head, there is nothing he can do but wait for the two charges of 2,400 volts that will blister his legs before helping him out of this world. If he has the misfortune to be built on the heavy side, he will probably smoke a lot, and the executioner will need to stuff Vaseline up his nostrils to lessen the smell. He will also need to soak his clothes for two or three days, to get rid of the last traces of the stink. I have deliberately gone into such nauseating detail about *Death Row — A One-Woman Band* because I think you should know exactly what risks you run, emotionally, if you watch it. On the other hand, I must not mislead you into thinking that Peter Kosminsky's distressing film about capital punishment in the state of Virginia, is only about the mechanics of legal electrocution. The framework of the documentary is the effort being made by abolitionists such as Marie Deans — the so-called "paralegals"— and by defence lawyers who get no payment for their pains, to cheat the electric chair of as many occupants as they can. Theirs is an uphill battle which is not made any easier by state prosecutors calling them the worst imaginable perverters of the law, and by some prisons refusing them access to the men in Death Row whose last hopes of survival rest solely on them. If this emerges as a one-sided film, it is probably because the other side is represented by such simplistic pronouncements as this one by the state prosecutor: "People should get angry. You vent your anger — and you're a better person for it. That's what capital punishment does for you."

● For me, the highspot of tonight's continuing BBC Television 50th anniversary celebrations is the re-showing of **On Giant's Shoulders** (BBC2, 9.30pm), an almost unbearably poignant story of the adoption of the thalidomide boy Terry Wiles. The hand of Marjorie Wallace, co-author of the book on which the play was based, and writer of the original screenplay, will be very apparent to anyone who has read her remarkable medical case histories in *The Times*.

● Radio choice: John Gielgud's English version of Chekhov's **Ivanov** (Radio 3, 7.30) is fortunate in having a performer as dramatically flexible as Alec McCowen in the title role. Tedium might otherwise have set in as we are regaled with a non-stop recital of self-pity from a character who thinks he is carrying the woes of the entire world on his shoulders. This was Chekhov's first play, but already, the landscape of his great and later works was clearly visible.

Peter Davalle

The executioners: Death Row - A One Woman Band (ITV, 10.30pm)

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
8.50 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough and Guy Michelmore. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00.
9.05 **Children's Parties.** A 40 Minutes documentary that eavesdrops on just a few of the birthday parties thrown in the summer of 1981. (r) 9.45 **Advice Shop.** Margo MacDonald with news of social security benefits 10.00 **Neighbours.** (r)
10.25 **Phillip Schofield** with news of children's television programmes, and delivering birthday greetings 10.30 Play School with Carol Chell and Simon Davies 10.50 Henry's Cat. (r)
10.55 **Five to Eleven.** A thought for the day from Joanna Lumley 11.00 **Vegetarian Kitchen** presented by Sarah Brown. The guest is Claudia Roden. 11.25 **Open Air.** Viewers' comment on yesterday's television programmes.
12.25 **Star Memories.** Cliff Michelmore recalls his favourite television memories 12.55 Regional news
1.00 **News** with Martyn Lewis. Weather 1.25 **Neighbours.** Weekday drama serial about life in a Melbourne suburb. 1.50 Stop-Go. (r)
2.00 **Film: The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex** (1939) starring Bette Davis, Errol Flynn, and Olivia de Havilland. A tale of intrigue and love at the court of Elizabeth I, with the Virgin Queen infatuated by the Earl of Essex but having to choose between her love for the gallant nobleman and her duties as Queen. Directed by Michael Curtiz
3.50 **Jimbo and the Jet Set.** (r) 4.00 **The Chucklehounds.** 4.05 **Captain Caveman.** (r) 4.15 **Beat the Teacher.** The second heat of Champion of Champions week. 4.30 **Record Breakers** presented by Roy Castle, Fiona Kennedy, and Julian Farino.
5.00 **John Craven's Newsround** 5.10 **Grange Hill.** Episode nine. (r) (Ceefax)
5.35 **Masterteam.** Quiz game.
6.00 **News** with Sue Lawley and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.35 **London Plus.**
7.00 **Telly Addicts.** The Woodruffs, champions for the last three weeks, are challenged by fellow Londoners, the Solomons.
7.30 **EastEnders.** Pat Wicks begins her new job at the Queen Vic and is soon involved in a barney with Mr Willmot-Brown.(Ceefax)
8.00 **No Place Like Home.** With all his adult offspring out of the way Arthur feels tempted to suggest to his wife that they share a dinner in the bath. Starring William Gaunt and Patricia Garwood. (Ceefax)
8.30 **Yes, Prime Minister.** Jim Hacker lends a sympathetic ear to a plea from his political adviser that he is letting Sir Humphrey become too dominant. (Ceefax) (r)
9.00 **News** with John Humphrys and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.30 **Big Deal.** This final episode of the series finds the usually optimistic Robby in prison and beginning to despair. (Ceefax)
10.20 **Film 86.** Barry Norman reviews Fellini's Ginger and Fred, and Ruthless People in which Bette Midler plays a kidnapped wife and Danny deVito the husband who doesn't want to pay the ransom.
10.50 **The Money Makers.** A profile of Russi Mody who runs the TATA Steel Works of India. (r)
11.20 **Championship Bowling.** Second round action in the CIS Insurance United Kingdom Indoor Singles Bowling Championship.
11.50 **Weather.**

Barbara Kelly, left, joins Reg Gutteridge and Joan Shenton, in 10 Million, C4's magazine programme for the older viewer (3.45pm)

BBC 2

9.00 **Gharbar.** Leading Indian film star, Rekha, talks to Krishan Gould. 9.25 **Ceefax.**
9.35 **Daytime on Two:** three young mountain climbers are rescued after getting into trouble on an Austrian mountain 9.52 My Place 10.15 The serial about a girl who befriends a badger 10.38 Science: bacteria 11.00 Clothing suitable for the winter 11.17 How forests are managed.
11.40 **Wondermaths11.57** Mathematical investigations: in Proportion and Scale Up 12.18 Maths: percentage 12.40 Parliamentary lobbyists 1.05 **Ceefax** 1.33 Episode three of the drama, Buddy.
2.00 **You and Me.** A series for four- and five-year olds. (r)
2.15 **Small World.** The skills of David Secret who has revived the art of making automata. (r)
2.25 **Songs of Praise.** (r) (Ceefax)
3.00 **Championship Bowling.** Second round matches in the CIS Insurance United Kingdom Indoor Singles Bowls Championship. (includes, at 3.55, regional news and weather)
5.30 **Schools Prom,** introduced by Ray Moore from St Paul's and All Hallows Junior School, Tottenham.
6.00 **The Goodies.** With Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie. (shown in April 1972)
6.30 **Dixon of Dock Green.** A man is shot dead and suspicion falls on the policemen of Dock Green. Starring Jack Warner. (shown in April 1974)
7.20 **The Best of Dick Emery** with Pat Coombs. (shown in June 1973)
7.50 **Fanny Craddock Invites.** The flamboyant hostess prepares for a wine and cheese party. (shown in June 1970)
8.10 **Signals for Survival.** An award-winning natural history film made by Niko Tinbergen revealing the language of the lesser black-backed gull. (shown in December 1958) (Ceefax)
9.00 **Not the Nine O'Clock News.** With Rowan Atkinson, Mel Smith, Pamela Stephenson, and Griff Rhys Jones. (shown in October 1980)
9.30 **On Giant's Shoulders.** A play based on the book by Marjorie Wallace and Michael Robson, and the screenplay by Marjorie Wallace, that traces the true story of the struggle of a thalidomide boy and the couple who adopt him, to try and live as normal a life as possible. Starring Judi Dench and Bryan Pringle as the couple and Terry Wiles, the thalidomide boy playing himself. (shown in March 1979)
11.00 **Newsnight.**
11.45 **Late Night Line-Up.** An updated version of the daily review of television and contemporary arts that was a regular feature between 1964 and 1972.
12.20 **Weather.**

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9.25 **Thames news headlines.**
9.30 **Schools:** Physics - the thermal expansion of metals 9.55 Understanding one's own individuality 10.09 A day out with grandparents 10.26 The nature of democratic freedom 10.48 Geography: valley glaciers 11.10 Old and ethnic music 11.27 Why plants are important for breathing 11.44 Part one of a mystery drama, Mr Magus is Waiting for You, by Gene Kemp.
12.00 **Tickle on the Tum.** Village tales for the young (r) 12.10 **Rainbow.** Learning with puppets. (r) 12.30 **The Sullivans.** Drama serial about an Australian family during the Forties.
1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parkin 1.20 **Thames news** presented by Robin Houston.
1.30 **Mr Paltrey of Westminster.** The Whitehall sleuth is ordered to investigate a British agent after a tip-off from a mole in the Russian Embassy. Starring Alec McCowen. (r) (Oracle)
2.30 **Daytime.** Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on the subject, the Green Belt versus the Inner City.
3.00 **Three Little Words.** Quiz game for couples 3.25 **Thames news** headlines 3.30 **The Young Doctors.** Drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital.
4.00 **The Gladdy Game Show** for children 4.10 **The Trap Door.** Cartoon series. 4.20 **C.A.B.** Drama serial 4.45 **Splash** includes a visit to a firework factory.
5.15 **Blockbusters.** General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.
5.45 **News** with Alastair Stewart 6.00 **Thames news** presented by Andrew Gardiner and John Andrew.
6.25 **Reporting London** presented by Michael Barratt.
7.00 **Emmerdale Farm.** A quiet evening at the Woolpeck ends up on the noisy side when Lesley Pearce comes looking for her husband.
7.30 **George and Mildred.** A crisis occurs in the Roper household when their ancient television goes on the blink. (r)
8.00 **Des O'Connor Tonight** Live. The entertainer's guests Mike Yarwood, Billy Crystal, Norman Collier, and Kim Wilde.
9.00 **First Among Equals.** Episode six of the drama based on Jeffery Archer's best-seller and tragedy strikes Andrew at a critical time in his political career; and when the Tory leader resigns Simon and Charles face a crucial decision. (Oracle)
10.00 **News at Ten** with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes. Weather followed nby Thames news headlines.
10.30 **First Tuesday: Death Row - A One Woman Band.** (see Choice) and **Children Who Wait: Progress Report.** An update on the story shown in April about two young children awaiting a liver transplant.
11.30 **Hammer House of Mystery and Suspense: Last Video and Testament.** An electronics expert fakes his own death when he discovers his wife's infidelity. Starring David Langton. (r)
12.55 **Night Thoughts.**

Jeremy Child, left, plays Charles Seymour, and David Robb as Andrew Fraser in First Among Equals (ITV 9.00pm)

TV-AM

6.15 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anneka Rice and Richard Keys. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; exercises at 6.55 and 9.17; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; and Jeni Barnett's postbag at 8.35. The After Nine guests include Gary Numan, who helps make a dream come true for Cystic Fibrosis sufferer Barry Cousins; and fashion consultant, Merrill Thomas.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 **The Great Stone Face.** A documentary about the life and career of Buster Keaton.
3.30 **Satellites of the Sun.** An animated film about the solar system.
3.45 **10 Million.** The last programme in the magazine series for older viewers. Barbara Kelly reviews magazines for older readers; Joan Shenton challenges a supermarket boss to make shopping easier for the elderly; and Reg Gutteridge discovers that it is possible to play bowls in retirement for under one pound. Plus, the pros and cons of keeping pets when older. (Oracle)
4.30 **Countdown.** Yesterday's winner of the anagrams and mental arithmetic competition is challenged by Anilkumar Shah from Moseley. Richard Whiteley is the questionmaster.
5.00 **Bewitched.** Darrin's mother-in-law turns a bust of him into a talking work of art.
5.30 **All Stitched Up.** Viewers bring their dress-making disasters to the studio for the experts to put them right. (r) (Oracle)
6.00 **Sam Thompson - Voices of Many Men.** A documentary about the life of the Belfast shipyard worker and playwright who died in 1965.
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Trevor McDonald and Nicholas Owen.
7.50 **Comment** from Noel Tobin, director of the National Campaign for Firework Reform. **Weather.**
8.00 **Brookside.** Gail settles in at the Grants' again.
8.30 **4 What It's Worth.** John Stoneborough investigates a dream kitchen that fell on a woman's head; Bill Breckon examines the methods of the burgeoning number of allergy clinics; and David Stafford discovers the best buy built-in oven.
9.00 **Film: The Baron and the Kid** (1984) starring Johnny Cash and Richard Roundtree. A made-for-television drama about The Baron, a former poolroom hustler who now uses his skills to help others by playing for charity. When a young upstart wants to raise the stakes of one game he throws in a wedding ring the Baron recognises as that belonging to his ex-wife. Directed by Gary Nelson.
10.45 **It Takes a Worried Man.** Comedy series starring Peter Tilbury as a man trying to come to terms with middle age. (r)
11.15 **Soap.** More delightful dottiness from the members of the Tate and Campbell families.
11.45 **The Eddie Condon Band** in concert featuring Wild Bill Davison on cornet, Cutty Cuttershall on trombone, Peanuts Hucko on clarinet, Buzzy Drootin on drums, and Eddie Condon on guitar. Ends at 12.15.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales To-day. 6.35-7.00 Computer Challenge. 9.30-10.00 Week In Week Out. 10.00-10.50 Big Deal. 11.50-12.20am Film 86. 12.20-12.25 News and weather. SCOTLAND 9.45am-9.55 Doteman. 9.55-10.00 Scottish News. 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 8.00-8.30 Clay Lights. 8.30-9.00 No Place Like Home. NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Masterteam. 11.50-11.55 News and weather. ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Getting On 1.20 News 1.30 Barnstormers 1.35-2.30 Country Practice 5.15-5.45 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Channel Report 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 11.30 Entrepreneur 12.00 Wanted Dead or Alive 12.35am Close.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 3.00-3.30 Whiskers and Wet Noses 6.00 North-east Life 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 11.30 Worlds Beyond 12.00 Soldiers and Preachers Too. Close.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime 3.30-4.00 Joanie Loves Chachi 6.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.25 Diary Dates 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 11.30 Guinness Book of Records. 12.25am News, Close.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Getting On 1.20-1.30 News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.15-6.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 Scotland Today 6.35 Crossroads 7.00-7.30 Take the High Road 11.30 Late Call 11.35 Sweeney 12.35am Close.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Getting On 1.20-1.30 News 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 About Anglia 6.35 Crossroads 7.00-7.30 Bygones 11.30 Hunter 12.25am Tuesday Topic, Close.

S4C Starts 11.10am Schools' Programmes 11.50 Interval 12.15pm Film: Roman Scandals 2.00 Countdown 2.30 Irish Angle 3.00 Heart of the Dragon 4.00 Ffalabalam 4.15 Rebecca 4.20 Hafoc 5.00 Bewitched 5.30 Cer 54, Where Are You? 6.00 Trastorns Hunx 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Geth Gwiad 8.00 Remington Steele 9.00 Minafon 9.50 Sion Sianad 10.05 The Orchestra 10.35 Mistaken for Mad 11.20 New Orleans Now 12.05am Close.

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Getting On 1.20 News 1.30 Action! 1.35-2.30 Country Practice 3.00-3.30 Questions 6.15-5.45 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.25 Police 5 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 11.30 Entrepreneur 12.00 Wanted — Dead or Alive 12.35am Company, Close.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 6.00 News 6.353-7.00 Crossroads 11.30 Word Into Image 12.30am Close.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Lookaround 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 11.30 Tales from the Darkside 12.00 Close.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Granada Reports 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Granada Reports 6.35 This Is Your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 11.30 Fight Night 12.30am Close.

TSW 12.30pm-1.00 Getting On 1.20-1.30 News 3.28-4.00 Sons and Daughters 5.15 Guy Honeybun 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today South West 6.25 Talewers 6.30 Tuesday View 7.00-7.30 Me and My Girl 11.20 Postscript Diary 11.40 Falcon Crest 12.35 Close.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20-1.30 News 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 North Tonight 6.35 Crossroads 7.00-7.30 Ceilidh on the Caledonian Canal 11.30 Fight Night 12.30am News, Close.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20-1.30 News 6.00 Crossroads 6.25-7.00 News 11.30 Fight Night 12.30am Jobfinder 1.30 Close.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Lunchtime Live 1.20-1.30 News 3.30-4.00 Country Practice 6.00 Calender 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 11.30 Fight Night 12.30am-6.00 Music Box.

Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 8.30pm then at 10.00 and 12.00 midnight.
5.30am Adrian John 7.00 Mike Smith's Breakfast Show 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright 5.30 Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) 5.45 Bruno Brookes 7.30 Janice Long 10.00-12.00 Andy Kershaw VHF Stereo Radios 1 & 2:— 4.00am As Radio 2 9.00 Yes Sir, That's My Baby (lyric writer Gus Kahn) 10.00 As Radio 1 12.00-4.00am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

News on the hour. Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30. Sports Desks 1.05pm, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45 (mf only). 9.55 (VHF only)
4.00am Colin Berry 5.30 Ray Moore 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 3.30 David Hamilton 5.50 John Dunn 7.00 Bob Holness Presents (BBC Radio Orchestra) 9.00 Big Fight Special. European Middleweight championship — Herol 'Bomber' Graham v Mark Kaylor 10.00 Inman and Friends 10.30 Listen to Les (Les Dawson) 11.00 Brian Matthew 1.00am Charles move 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

5.00 Newsdesk (until 5.30 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 Sucess Story 7.45 Network UK 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Training for Tomorrow 8.30 Symphony on Four 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 Sounds of the Sixties 10.00 News 10.01 Discovery 10.30 The Betrothed 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Waveguide 11.25 A Letter From Scotland (until 11.30) 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 1 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Recording of the Week 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Eric Coates Show 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 A Jolly Good Show 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Omnibus 4.45 The World Today 5.00 News 5.09 A Letter From Scotland (until 5.15) 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Omnibus 9.00 News 9.01 Street Life 9.15 Book Choice 9.15 International Recital 10.00 News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 A Letter From Scotland 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Folk in the Modern World 11.30 Village of Death 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Omnibus 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Report on Religion 1.45 Country Style 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 European Cabaret Songs 2.30 The Betrothed 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Discovery 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Street Life 4.40 Book Choice (until 4.45) 5.45 The World Today. All times in GMT.

Radio 3

6.55 **Weather. 7.00 News**
7.05 Wagner (Flying Dutchman overture), Mascagni (Intermezzo from Cavalleria rusticana), Vaughan Williams (Concerto accademico, with James Oliver Buswell, violin), Tippett (Sonata No 1: John Ogdon, piano). 8.00 News
8.05 Concert (continued) Verdi (Come in quest'ora, Simon Boccanegra: with Mirella Freni, soprano), Mozart (Piano Concerto No 6: with Perahia, piano), Panufnik (Sinfonia rustica). 9.00 News
9.05 This Week's Composers: The Five. Rimsky-Korsakov (Overture on three Russian themes), Balakirev (the oriental fantasy Islamey), Mussorgsky (the song cycle Sunless: with Galina Vishnevskaya, soprano), Borodin (In the Steppes of Central Asia)
10.00 Karl Amadeus Hartmann: Concerto funebre (with André Gertler, violin), Symphony No 1
10.55 Folk Songs and Dances: Anthony Goldstone (piano). Beethoven (Air russe in A minor, Op 107 No 7, Polonaise in C, Op 89, Six Ecossaises in E flat, WoO 83), and Kodaly (Dances from Galanta, transc by Goldstone)
11.30 Athlon Ensemble: Malcolm Arnold (Three Shanties for wind quintet), Graham Whettam (Quintetto concertato), Holst (Wind Quintet in A flat)
12.10 Midday Concert: BBC Concert Orchestra (under Cleobury). Part one. Stravinsky (ballet suite Pulcinella), and Poulenc (Les biches suite). 1.00 News
1.05 Concert (continued): Tchaikovsky (The Nutracker Suite No 1), Massenet (Le Cid suite)
1.50 Guitar Encores: Manuel Barrueco plays works by Takemitsu (Folios), and Bach (Partita No 2 in D minor, BWV 1004)
2.30 Schoenberg and Stravinsky:Los Angeles Philharmonic (under Michael Tilson Thomas), Los Angeles Master Chorale, Jean Bernard Pommier (piano), soloists Daisietta Kim, Gail Dubinbaum, Michael Sells, Douglas Lawrence aznd Cantor William Sharlin (narrator). Schoenberg (Prelude, The Genesis Suite; A survivor from Warsaw, Op 46. And Stravinsky (Requiem Canticles for solo voices, chorus and orchestra; also Symphony in Three Movements
3.55 Kodaly and Mendelssohn: Karoly Botvay (cello), Piers Lane (piano). Kodaly (Hungarian Rondo), Mendelssohn (Sonata in D, Op 58), Kodaly (Sonata Op 4). 4.55 News
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure:
5.30 Troubadours: recordings of works by Marcabru (Pax in nomine Domini, with Nigel Rogers, tenor), L'autr'ier just'una sebissa, with Martin Best, tenor), and Guiraut Riquier's Pies de tristor, with Andrea von Ramm, soprano)
7.00 Arnold Cooke: John Turner (recorder), Peter Lawson (piano). Anthony Gilbert (Arbor avium canentium), Arnold Cooke (Arietta), Christopher Brown (Caprice, Op 68), Arnold Cooke (Suite in C for piano, and Suite for recorder and piano)
7.30 Ivanov: John Gielgud's translation of the Chekhov play. With Alec McCowen, Judi Dench, Maxine Audley and Maurice Denham.. Cast also includes Denys Hawthorne, David March, John Castle, Dan Thompson and Jean Anderson. Produced and adapted by Ronald Mason, from the original translation by Ariadna Nicolaeff
9.40 Bruckner: London Philharmonic Orchestra (under Klaus Tennstedt) play the Symphony No 8 in C minor
11.05 First Night: theatre and opera review programme. Eric Griffiths, Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, gives his verdict on The Infernal Machine by Jean Cocteau
11.15 Joseph Silverstein: violin. Vivaldi (The Four Seasons: Boston SO under Ozawa), Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto in E minor, Op 64: Utah SO under Silverstein)
11.57 **News** 12.00 Closedown

Radio 4

On long wave. (s) Stereo on VHF.
5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing: Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.20 Letters. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.57 Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411. Topical phone-in.
10.00 News; From Our Own Correspondent. Life and politics abroad, reported by BBC foreign correspondents.
10.30 Morning Story: That Understanding, written and read by Jo Anderson.
10.45 Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 118) (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Thirty-Minute Theatre: The Day Mabel Became an Anchoress, by Janette Walkinshaw. With Irene Hamlon, Crawford Logan and Eileen Nicholas. The setting, a housing estate in Glasgow (s)
11.33 The Living World. With half an eye on Christmas, Peter France browses through this year's crop of natural history books.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice.
12.27 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful. Comedy series set in an advertising agency, with Martin Jarvis and Christopher Godwin (s). 12.55 Weather; Travel
1.00 The World At One: News
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. A special edition from Hamburg. Includes an interview with a prostitute called Domenica, the fashion designer Daniella Bechtolf, and the city's Secretary of State for Equal Opportunities
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play. Forever Blowing Bubbles, by Patrice Chaplin. With Angela Pleasence. The story of an award-winning journalist (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Poet to Poet. Jenny Joseph examines the poetry of Wordsworth which is read by John Franklyn-Robbins.
4.30 Kaleidoscope. Last night's edition, repeated. Includes comment on the new Fellini film Ginger and Fred, and the 50th anniversary of BBC Television . Also P H Newby's book Leaning In the Wind
5.00 PM. News magazine. 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather.
6.00 News; Financial Report
6.30 Top of the Form. Nationwide general knowledge contest for schools, Wales versus Home Counties (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4.
8.00 Medicine Now. Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care.
8.30 The Tuesday Feature: Kadar's Children. Members of the 1956 generation of Hungarians who have grown up with the consequences of the failed uprising, talk about their society today to Judy Dempsey.
9.00 In Touch. News, views and information for people with a visaul handicap.
9.30 Near Myths. John Ebdon offers some reflections on life in the Greek Islands.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes comment on the Infernal Machine at the Lyric, Hammersmith and the new film Ruthless People.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: A Bit of a Do, by David Nobbs (7). Read by John Rowe. 10.29 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Time and Tune (s) 11.20 Time to Move 11.40 Radio Club. 1.53-3.00pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner 2.05 History Long Ago (s) 2.25 Contact 2.40 Radiovision History of Britain. 5.50-5.55 PM (Continued). 12.301.10am Schools Nighttime Broadcasting Radio History 11-14: The Peasants' Revolt (1381) (s).

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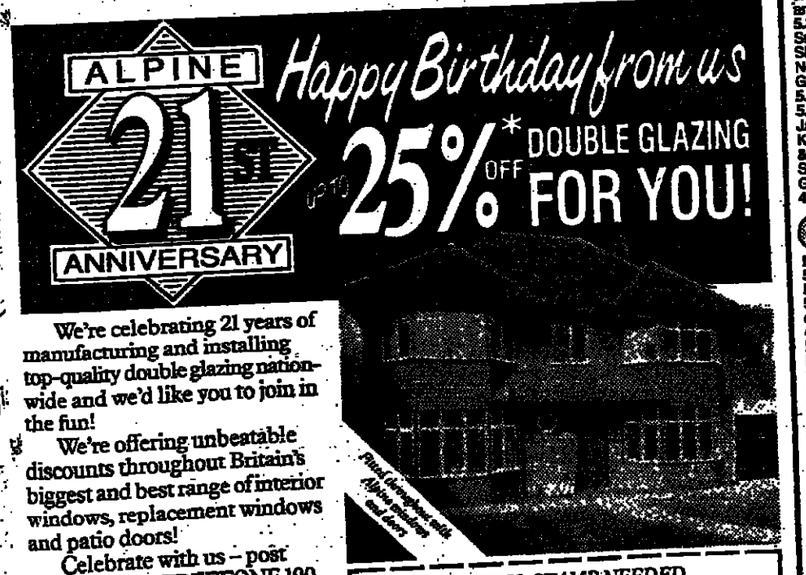

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SPORT

Richards goes on the attack

From Richard Streeton, Lahore

Viv Richards spoke out yesterday on what he called Somerset's "complete lack of management" and "broken promises" and the role of Peter Roebuck in the sacking of Richards and Joel Garner that has led the county into crisis.

Richards talked to *The Times* during a rest day in the tour of Pakistan by the West Indies team under his captaincy. He was still hurt and angry by the decision suddenly reached in August as he recounted in full, for the first time, his view of events at Somerset, including the threat by Ian Botham to quit the county if the West Indians are not reinstated at the extraordinary general meeting next Saturday.

"The people fighting to have things put right have honesty and justice on their side and they deserve every support," Richards said. "As long as they win at the meeting and provided everything is sorted out, all the background problems and so on, I would certainly like to continue to play cricket for Somerset."

Richards declined to speculate on his plans if the so-called rebels lose on Saturday, although his name has been linked with Essex.

He will be in the middle of the second Test in Lahore as the Somerset meeting is held. "I have not been in touch with anybody and have made no special arrangements to learn what happens. I guess I'll hear soon enough."

From the occasional British newspaper available here, Richards has followed recent developments. "Joel Garner's attack last week on Peter Roebuck, the county captain, was fully justified and correct in every detail," he said.

"What hurts still so much is that I spoke regularly with Brian Langford, the cricket chairman, and with Roebuck and others. Certain things were said during the summer and promises apparently made and then suddenly it was as if none of them had happened. The committee meeting was held one night and next morning we were called to the ground and told we were finished.

"It is astonishing that such things can happen and that anyone can be treated that

Richards: 'broken promises'

way after 12 and more years with the club. We have played together and shared friendship over many years.

"Well, I want people to know that Viv Richards is alive and kicking and that I have got a lot of cricket left in me. It is dreadful to think that someone like Peter Roebuck, whose game so often is so selfish, can be the one who can decide that it is time for me to go. He has done many cranky things over the years but this is unbelievable."

Richards said he felt that people did not always realize that players have their ups and downs and were unable to turn on their best performances all the time "but I do feel we have given our fair share to Somerset".

The present row had not come about, Richards felt, because of Somerset's lack of playing success. It had more to do with "the complete lack of management in Somerset cricket for many years. I exempt the chairman, Michael Hill, from my criticism, although he is gullible, almost too nice a man, and perhaps not decisive enough."

On the conflict between the county and the rebels who support him and Garner, Richards said: "A lot of thought has gone into the committee's campaign to get things across to members and there have also been a lot of wrong things in the newspapers. I particularly want to put this straight: I have never been jealous of Martin Crowe, who they want to take my place.

"Over many years in cricket, I have always believed that I have put those gifts of talent which God gave me to the best possible use. I give thanks for those gifts and I have the confidence to know that I have no cause to be jealous of anyone. Those who know cricket and the statistics show I am right."

Richards said it had been extraordinary that when he and Garner made their last appearance for Somerset against Derbyshire in a Sunday league game, there had been nothing said or done by any of Somerset's management committee to mark the occasion. "Not one word. Not one token to mark our farewell. It was awful of them and unforgiviable."

Botham seen as an anarchist

In a book published just a few days before the crucial meeting of Somerset's members, Peter Roebuck, the county's captain, describes Ian Botham, a former close friend but now a bitter rival, as a "cricketing anarchist, who respects no rule."

Roebuck says Botham's "maverick spirit leads his team to rely too much on sweat and inspiration." Curiously, the book, entitled *It Sort of Clicks* is largely the product of the two men's co-operation, most of it having been completed before Somerset decided to dismiss Viv Richards and Joel Garner.

Roebuck admits: "Ian and I take opposing views on almost everything." Talking of the man whom he relieved as county captain he says: "Botham is a cricketing anarchist; he respects no rule, bows to no circumstance ... Nor did he show his younger team mates that he wanted his team to do well.

"They saw only the legend who didn't want to bowl, couldn't talk to them easily and took reckless gambles. They saw his anarchism not as hilarious but as destructive."

Botham is quoted by Roebuck as saying: "There is very little common ground between me and the average player. Frankly I think most famous cricketers are too big to play county cricket. That sounds totally arrogant, but I think it's true."

Pointing the way: Willie Wood, the motor mechanic from Gifford, motoring in the direction of victory over David Hamilton in the singles bowls tournament at Preston

Dickson upstages the old master

From Keith Wheatley, Fremantle

Dennis Conner practically invented present-day America's Cup match-racing. The fixation with the right numbers coming up on the mast display, the thorough business of preparation, hours of sailing by numbers stretching into weeks and months.

Chris Dickson, a generation younger and from Auckland — not traditionally America's Cup land, is not so much taking a passed on torch as levering it from Conner's tightly-clenched fist. Dickson celebrated his 25th birthday yesterday by beating the "old man" in one of the most exciting 12-metre races ever seen.

Few spectators will forget the sight of KZ7 rounding the second leeward mark with her mainsail rattling down the mast and piling onto the deck. Dickson's blonde curls were just visible through the vast enveloping piles of Kevlar. He looked straight up the course, never back at Conner just nine seconds behind, and assumed his crew would get the recalcitrant sail back up. They did.

On the next windward leg it happened again. Later Dickson described it as two nightmares in one day. Unlike Dennis Conner, who was sitting next to him, the young Kiwi helmsman didn't look like a man who was having trouble sleeping.

Affably he checked the God who was starting helmsman on *Courageous* in 1974 when Dickson was still in senior school. "After Dennis threw his fast headsail over the side he didn't seem to have the same speed," said Dickson, referring to the gybe mark incident when the Stars and Stripes crew cut loose a genoa washed off the foredeck.

He turned and addressed Conner, impassive with the trademark white block-out cream still around his lips. "Should have gone back for that one Dennis," he kidded, with the bonhominous arrogance of the young winner. Conner looked as if his insides were killing him.

Dickson reminds one inescapably of Simon Callow playing the young Mozart. The direct communication with a talent too fierce to be denied; eyes that combine almost feline repose and passivity with enormous perception and power.

That he is a prodigy cannot be denied. The youngest skipper sailing in the America's Cup, Dickson has scored 13 wins out of 14 races. Conner had beaten him — once. Within the Kiwi syndicate one hears that his crew may not worship the ground he walks on but believe that no one alive can make their boat go faster.

"He's the utmost professional, tough on himself and tough on the people around him," says the chairman of the New Zealand syndicate, merchant banker Michael Fay.

"If he's unsure about something he'll come up and ask how to do it.'

Whenever asked about policy matters outside the racecourse, controversy over glass fibre or whatever, Dickson invariably replies "I'm sorry, I just drive the boat." Unenlightening, it has the merit of truth.

The young man with his hand on sailing's Wheel of Fortune comes from a New Zealand yachting dynasty. His father Roy is one of the country's foremost ocean racers. Chris was sailing before he went to school. In his teenage years he won World Youth Dinghy championships three years running.

Other young helmsmen were as talented. None had the streak of pure steel.

Other syndicates in Fremantle are known to have compiled pyschological profiles on Dickson. They reason that like most people of precocious talent he may be vulnerable, the weak link in the Kiwi chain. Fay just shrugs and says: "He's very, very mature for a 25-year-old."

Old King Conner has certainly let the Young Pretender get under his skin. As he left the news conference he turned aside and said: "The best man lost." Dickson didn't hear. He was up on stage being feted with Moet et Chandon and birthday cake.

White Crusader wins. Page 43

FOOTBALL

League to look at card plan

By Chris Moore

A Football League subcommittee, headed by Philip Carter, the chairman of Everton and chairman of the management committee, are to meet this week to consider a national membership card scheme devised by Walsall, the third division side.

The scheme, designed to combat hooliganism, will be presented to League officials on Thursday.

Announcing the plan yesterday, Roy Whalley, the Walsall secretary, said discussions with representatives of a wide range of business, industrial and marketing companies, had reached an advanced stage.

"We believe that, if approved, the scheme could represent a positive response to the problems facing our national game today," Whalley said.

"We think it would overcome the kind of objections previously made against membership schemes for football clubs."

The plan involves a type of identification card which would allow holders access into any ground in the country.

Last month the Football League were given six weeks by the government to come up with ways of putting their house in order.

Ferguson in to bring new look to Scotland

By Hugh Taylor

New hope was given to Scotland's disgruntled football supporters yesterday when a pool of players with a refreshing difference was announced for the European championship international with Luxembourg at Hampden a week tomorrow.

The coach, Andy Roxburgh, has at last acknowledged that it is time for sweeping changes and has opened the door to a few of the country's most sparkling youngsters.

His most significant move is the introduction to the international scene of the two midfielders, Ferguson and Durrant, who have played a leading role in the change of fortune at Rangers, and who may be the influential players Roxburgh believes can construct the new, modern pattern he has in mind for the national side.

Many will feel that it is too early to plunge lads, neither of whom are yet 21, into international conflict. But the truth cannot be hidden — Ferguson and Durrant are by far the most impressive midfield players in the country. "They have had an incredible rise, and are playing with distinction," said the coach.

Whether both play, or one of them is paired with Paul McStay, does not really matter. What is important is that Roxburgh has seized a golden opportunity for experiment. Luxembourg are perhaps the weakest of all the countries in the European championship. Scotland's disappointed tartan army has had enough of the old guard. They are looking for a new brigade who can bring back style and personality to a team tired, dispirited and devoid of ideas as well as suffering from a lack of goals.

Roxburgh has already decided that the new defence which played in Dublin is more to his taste than that in which the Aberdeen pair, Miller and McLeish, collaborated for so long. The long-serving duo find themselves missing from the squad this time, and if the partnership of Gough and Hansen impresses as it should against a lacklustre Luxembourg attack, this may signal the end of the international career of the two Aberdeen players who gave their country such service.

As well as these two, Strachan, McAvennie, Smith and Narey are out, mainly because of injury, and newcomers to the squad are Goram, Bett, McCoist and McClair.

Will a club partnership of Johnston and McClair bring the goals so urgently needed if Scotland are to have any chance of qualifying in the tournament in which they have never distinguished themselves? Or will an old Firm pairing of Johnston and McCoist prove the solution?

Though Souness, the master who is undoubtedly the inspiration the Scotland team most sadly miss, is still not available because of his commitment to Rangers, his former Liverpool colleague, Dalglish, is named again and it is hoped that the country's most distinguished veteran will play from the start to give a lead to the young men who will be blooded.

Some admission prices for the tie have been cut. Wingstands are down to £8.00.

● Celtic are in trouble over scenes at the Skol Cup Final against Rangers on Oct 26. The SFA's Referee and Disciplinary committee yesterday discussed the report of match referee, David Syme, and decided to call Celtic chairman, Jack McGinn, and manager, David Hay, to a special meeting, the date still to be decided. In the match, Maurice Johnston was sent off, and nine others booked.

SCOTLAND SQUAD: J Leighton (Aberdeen), A Goram (Oldham Athletic), R Gough (Tottenham Hotspur), A Hansen (Liverpool), M Mackay (Celtic), M Johnston (Dundee United), R Stewart (West Ham United), R Aitken (Celtic), J Bett (Aberdeen), R Connor (Aberdeen), I Durrant (Rangers), D Ferguson (Rangers), P McStay (Celtic), D Cooper (Rangers), K Dalglish (Liverpool), M Johnston (Celtic), B McClair (Celtic), A McCoist (Rangers), P Nevin (Chelsea), G Sharp (Everton).

Hoping for a night of glory

By Clive White

What Tottenham Hotspur thought was a pertinent moment in this week of European activity to make an appeal against the condemnation of English clubs could hardly have been more ill-timed after the violence on the White Hart Lane pitch on Saturday.

Nevertheless, their attempt to restore the camaraderie of those memorable glory, glory nights of the past, with a match against the famous West German club, SV Hamburg, tonight is deserving of recognition at home and abroad.

The West Germans are the leading advocates of the return of English clubs to European competition. Hamburg, by their very presence, like that of AC Milan last May for Ardiles' testimonial, are promoting a reassociation with English clubs, a fact that UEFA will have to take notice of when they next consider the readmission of English clubs into Europe.

Hamburg, though they failed to qualify for Europe this season, are lying second on goal difference in their domestic league and boast players of the quality of Stein, Jakobs, Grundel and foreign imports like Plessers, of Belgium and Okonski, of Poland.

Traning boost for Olympic hopefuls

By John Goodbody

Britain's prospective Olympic medal winners will be able to train more thoroughly because of new two-year grants from the Sports Aid Foundation. The foundation yesterday announced a total of £735,104 to be divided between many of Britain's less fashionable, if often highly successful, sports.

The Minet Awards for Olympic Excellence accounts for £596,775, and among them is up to £12,000 for Steve Redgrave and Andy Holmes, both members of the coxed four who won the 1984 Olympic title and are presently world champions in the coxed pairs.

Holmes said that they were considering spending some of their money on altitude training next April. "We want to know the effect of this kind of training on our performances. Many of our rivals are using it. "If it is valuable — people react differently to the experience — the pair might try it again later in the year before the world championships in Copenhagen in August and probably before the next Olympics.

Their grant will also make their programme of regattas more comprehensive and demanding. In the past, the main East German regatta in May, which attracts most of the Communist bloc, has usually been "prohibitively expensive" but in the next two years participation will be feasible.

Holmes says that the coxed pairs was a trial for both oarsmen this year. He said: "It went better than we could have expected and it has sealed our fate for the next two years. But to keep winning is a lot harder than winning once. We will have to be a lot faster than in the Olympics, so we will have to prepare better."

Another sport, whose success at Los Angeles has been splendidly maintained since the Olympics, is hockey. The 14-man squad, who include 12 England players, have received a total of £72,000 for their individual preparation. Roger Self, the manager of the Olympic squad, says that the money will allow a greater degree of professionalism than has been possible in the past.

The Sports Aid Foundation have also awarded £115,515 for competitors not involved in Olympic sports and also £22,815 for young competitors.

Connor warns of "rebel" Cup

A "rebel" America's Cup could be in prospect unless a row over advertising sponsors' names is not resolved, American skipper Dennis Conner warned today.

Conner, who lost the Cup to Australia in 1983, said the world's top yachtsmen would race outside internatioaal yachting rules if the ruling body failed to keep pace with the multi-million dollar sponsorship the sport needs.

Melia resigns after meeting

The Stockport manager, Jimmy Melia, whose club are bottom of the fourth division, resigned yesterday after a meeting with the new chairman Josh Lewis.

Melia, who led Brighton to the FA Cup final in 1983, left a two-hour meeting with Lewis and the chief executive Terry McCreery to say: "I felt it was in everyone's best interests if I left the club.

"In many ways I am quite relived because it has been like flogging a dead horse here this season." Stockport have won only one game.

Northern Ireland give call-up to Wilson

By George Ace

Danny Wilson, the Brighton captain, has been called up and Sammy McIlroy, the World Cup captain, has been left out of Billy Bingham's 18-man Northern Ireland squad for the European Championship group four qualifying match against Turkey in Ismir tomorrow week.

Wilson, who qualifies for Northern Ireland because his mother was born in Londonderry — a new ruling recently made by the football associations of the home countries — is aged 26 and has been under the Bingham microscope for some time.

Bingham, who announced his squad yesterday, said: "I have watched Wilson on several occasions when I was checking on Stephen Penney. I was aware then of his Irish connection but, unfortunately, his father didn't come from Ireland, only his mother, and that was insufficient then to make him eligible.

"But the rule has been changed and he is just the player I want for a midfield role."

McIlroy was used as a substitute for Ian Stewart in the recent game against England but he has been inactive since his return from Sweden a short time ago and Bingham, albeit reluctantly, has omitted his 32-year-old former captain. But it may be premature to think that McIlroy has played his last game in the green jersey; he has received a tempting offer from Hamilton Academicals, at present languishing at the foot of the Scottish premier division without a win in 15 games.

The rest of the squad is on similar lines to that named for the Wembley match with Quinn retaining the spot he gained when Paul Ramsey pulled out through injury. David McCreery, another non-starter against England, is alsoback in contention after injury.

NORTHERN IRELAND SQUAD: P Hughes, (Bury), G Dunlop (Linfield), J Nicholl (Rangers), G Fleming (Nottingham Forest), J McClelland (Watford), A McDonald (Queens's Park Rangers), J O'Neill (Leicester City), M Donaghy (Luton Town), M Wordsington (Sheffield Wednesday), D McCreery (Newcastle United), N Whiteside (Manchester United), D Campbell (Nottingham Forest), C Clarke (Southampton), I Stewart (Newcastle United), S Penney, (Brighton), D Wilson (Brighton), J Quinn (Blackburn Rovers), B McNally (Shrewsbury Town).

CYCLING

New flavour Milk Race

The Milk Race will celebrate its 30th anniversary next year with a route that visits more city and town centres. The 1,150-mile race has a new start, a prologue time trial in Newcastle-upon-Tyne on May 17, and a new finish, a circuit race at Westminster, London, 14 days later.

Gloucester, Peterborough and Milton Keynes appear on are new on the Milk Race map for the first time

ROUTE: Sunday, May 17: Newcastle-upon-Tyne: Prologue time trial: Stage 1, May 18: Newcastle-upon-Tyne to Newton Aycliffe; Stage 2, May 19: Darlington to Hull via Beverley; Stage 3, May 20: Hull to Lincoln via Humber Bridge; Stage 4, May 21: Lincoln to Sheffield; Stage 5, May 21: Sheffield circuit race; Stage 6, May 22: Sheffield to Derby; Stage 7, May 23: Derby to Birmingham; Stage 8, May 24: Malvern Hills loop race; May 25: Rest day; Stage 9, May 26: Gloucester to Leicester; Stage 10, May 27: Peterborough to Ipswich; Stage 11, May 28: Ipswich circuit race; Stage 12, May 29: Chelmsford to Milton Keynes; Stage 13, May 30: Westminster (London) circuit race.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Ballesteros pulls out

Severiano Ballesteros has withdrawn from the PGA European golf team he was to have captained in the Nissan Cup world championship starting in Tokyo on November 6.

Ballesteros says that a lingering state of poor health would not allow him to meet the "moral obligation" of feeling confident of giving his best performance.

Bernard Langer takes over as captain and Gordon J Brand Junr, the first reserve is flying to Tokyo today to complete the team which now comprises Langer, Sandy Lyle, Howard Clark, Nick Faldo, Ian Woosnam and Brand.

Hooligan move

A scheme to convert the football hooligans by giving them training and a closer contact with the club is being started by Grimsby Town Football Club this week. The scheme — called the 15 Plus Club — is aimed at youths who have been in trouble with the law.

Ballesteros: poor health

Yacht project

The shore manager of Britain's America's Cup challenge, Patrick Banfield, has been appointed the project manager for the first all female campaign to compete in sailing's most demanding event — the Whitbread Round-the-World Yacht Race. The Maiden Great Britain Project — as it has now been christened — with Berkshire-born Tracey Edwards at the helm, is one of the first campaigns to be launched in readiness for the 1989/90 race.

In the money

New York (AP) — Marvin Hagler will defend his world middleweight title against the former welterweight and junior middleweight world champion Sugar Ray Leonard in what could be the biggest money-spinner in boxing history on Monday, April 6, in Las Vegas. According to the promoter, Bob Arum, Hagler is guaranteed $12 million and Leonard $11m. But, Arum added, with a potential audience of three million, the contest could gross $100m, with Hagler taking home as much as $37m with Leonard's take between $12m and $13m.

Debate date

Counties are being given an extra chance to help them decide whether important changes to the first-class cricket structure will be beneficial to domestic cricket. The Test and County Cricket Board have called a special meeting for November 18 to debate the recomendations made by the Palmer report, 23 days before they must vote on crucial alterations to the 1988 season.

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